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Libyan jet lands for third time in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 9 (AP) — Lebanese hijackers holding 35 weary hostages aboard a Libyan airliner landed the Boeing-727 in Beirut Wednesday night after announcing they were ending the three-day odyssey in the Lebanese capital.

A broadcast said the skyjacker's request was radioed to the Beirut control tower as the Boeing-727 entered Lebanese airspace for the third time in 48 hours after a 10 and a half hour stop in Tehran.

The Lebanese government of President Elias Sarkis tried to prevent the three-engine jetliner from landing in Beirut Monday and Tuesday, but failed. The heavily-armed skyjacker's are seeking to dramatize the three-year-old disappearance of their spiritual leader, Imam Moussa Sadr.

In the radio transmission received by the Beirut airport control tower, a hijacker who identified himself as Hamzeh said "We want to give ourselves up and release the passengers." The pilot of the Boeing told the control tower he had very little fuel left.

Three passengers — a woman, her child and her husband were released from the jetliner before it took off from Tehran airport.

Neither the Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman nor the revolutionary guards office could immediately determine the nationality of the released passengers. But the revolutionary guards official said he believed the mother was taken ill on the plane, prompting the skyjacker to set her free along with her husband and child.

There was no immediate word from Iran's Foreign Ministry on what caused the skyjacker to break off negotiations with Ayatollah Khomeini's regime and order the plane to take off. They had appealed upon arrival to the 82-year-old leader to undertake efforts with Col. Muammar Qaddafi's government to resolve the mystery of the missing Imam who vanished during an official visit to Libya three years ago.

Soviets tap oil in frozen Siberia

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (R) — Soviet oilmen have for the first time established a commercially viable well in the frozen north-east of Siberia, the official news agency Tass reported Wednesday.

It said a 1,900-meter (6,200-foot) bore in the Permafrost zone of Ykutia had reached a sizable deposit of oil which would enable stable and profitable production.



DIGGING OUT: Residents of New England are still encountering problems from the season's first major snowstorm which dropped as much as 20 inches of new snow in some areas. This photo, taken in Boston's West End, shows Mrs. Michael Conbathis pushing the car as her husband, the consul general to Greece, steers his way out of a snow bank.

Predictions for '82 claim

Elizabeth quitting; end for Begin, Khomeini

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AFP) — In 1982, Queen Elizabeth II will abdicate; Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin will be assassinated; Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini will die — according to what is claimed to be predictions made by leading American women clairvoyants. They foresee numerous major catastrophes, while good news is rare.

Kebiranda Kinkaroka, who alleged to have predicted assassination attempts against President Reagan and Pope John Paul, warns that Begin's life is in danger. There will be an explosion during a cabinet meeting and Begin will be either killed by it or by "terrorists" rushing on to the scene and opening fire on him.

In Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini will be toppled by a coup in January or February. He will be either assassinated, or die shortly after.

41 die in landslide

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Dec. 9 (AP) — Forty-one persons were believed killed when a 6-meter (20-foot) high landslide buried eight houses in an East Java village, the regent of Kediri, Uzi Sastradirdja, said Wednesday.

Rescuers recovered 22 bodies in the village of Joho, 1,000 from here. Nineteen other persons were missing but presumed killed when their homes here covered by about 20,000 square meters of mud early Sunday after 10 days of incessant rains.

The regent said the missing persons would be declared dead and the site of the landslide would be used as their mass grave. He said 2,500 army personnel and civilians participated in the search operations.

the coup from natural causes.

Yolanda Lassaw, who alleged to have predicted the assassination of President Anwar Sadat, foresees a new stock exchange crash in 1982 as big as the 1929 crash: the price of gold will soar; property prices and interest rates will fall.

A new serum against arthritis will be invented, said Clara Schuff, who foresees the fall of the Shah and the Iranian revolution. She claims that the Soviet Union might announce withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan in a phased manner.

Aren Welch, who alleged to have predicted Reagan's 1980 election victory over Carter, said that he might not finish his four-year mandate and vice-President George Bush will succeed him in that case. Bush will be a failure for he is without popular support and

Canada asks U.K. for constitution

OTTAWA, Dec. 9 (R) — Canada was to ask Britain Wednesday to relinquish custody of Canada's century-old constitution, closing a chapter of British colonial history.

Esmond Butler, secretary to Canadian governor-general Ed Schreyer, who signed the resolution into law Tuesday night, was due to present it to the queen's secretary Wednesday.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was expected to introduce the resolution into the British Parliament before it adjourns for holidays for passage early next year.

The resolution asks Britain to 'patriate' the constitution, the 1867 British North America Act, to Canada after inserting a charter of rights and a formula for its amendment here. It was hammered out in 18 months of argument, bargaining and court cases by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and the 10 provincial premiers. Nine agreed to a compromise package last month, but Premier Rene Levesque of predominantly French-speaking Quebec refused to sign.

Levesque said the reforms would strip Quebec of powers it already enjoyed, and vowed to fight it in the courts. Quebec's dissent was expected to cause objections to the

lacks Reagan's charm.

Adrienne Golday sees the Soviet Union invading Poland; Queen Elizabeth abdicating; Jacqueline Onassis finding "Mr. Right" but not marrying him and investing her wealth in a firm making beauty products.

Laurie Brady claims that Richard Nixon will make a sensational political comeback in 1982, and he will be given a diplomatic mission to China which he will carry out brilliantly. He will stand for president's post again in 1984.

The Chrysler automobile firm will go bankrupt and Ford will run into financial difficulties and barely survive. Other predictions claim the Soviet Union has begun contact with beings from outer space; pyramids will be discovered on Mars, proving a civilization was there millions of years ago.

'patriation' package from some members of the British Parliament, as was lobbying by native Indian groups who assert the rights charter does not adequately guarantee their rights and want a direct say in constitutional changes.

But Canadian officials said no major delays or arguments were expected in Britain. Trudeau has said changes can be made to the constitution once it is in Canada, to try to get Quebec's support.

On Tuesday, the senate voted overwhelmingly in favor of the historic constitutional reform.

Senators rose to sing the national anthem "O Canada" as the new package cleared its final parliamentary hurdle by a vote of 59-23.

The vote came minutes after the Senate rejected a bid by Conservatives to make the constitution more acceptable to French-speaking Quebec province, where parts of the rewritten document have stirred new separatist sentiment.

The complex resolution, adopted last Wednesday by the House of Commons in a 246-24 vote, was to be put aboard a special Defense Department jet late Tuesday for a flight to London.

'Spaniards, Italians miserable'

Survey shows Britons the happiest

LONDON, Dec. 9 (R) — The British are the happiest people in Europe, according to a \$2 million survey of 20 countries.

The Spanish and the Italians were found to be the most miserable with the West Germans not far behind. The survey, commissioned by the European Values Study Group and other bodies, said Britons and their continental neighbors worried about the economy and the weather.

But the British spent more time laughing, said the survey. Ninety five percent of Britons questioned said they were very happy or quite happy with their lot in life. Britons also seemed to be more patriotic. Sixty-two percent said they would fight for their country compared to 43 percent in France, 35 percent in West Germany and 28 percent in Italy.

And, the survey said, most Britons actually liked working.

About 77 percent said their first priority was to find an interested job. High wages ranked fourth after working with pleasant people and job security. The French, West Germans, Italians and Spaniards put good pay in the top of their list.

Swiss president chosen

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 9 (AP) — Economic Minister Fritz Honegger was chosen by parliament Wednesday as Switzerland's president next year, in a renewal of the custom of rotating the largely ceremonial post among the seven members of the federal executive.

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OPEC base price to stay -- Yamani

ABUDHABI, Dec. 9 (AP) — Ministers of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) ended their second session here Wednesday, with oil pricing the main item on the agenda.

But the Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto said the conference will examine the price issue in the morning session Thursday.

Earlier Wednesday Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani told reporters, as oil ministers began the conference, that OPEC would keep its base oil price frozen at \$34 a barrel until the end of next year no matter what happened to the value of the dollar. OPEC agreed to freeze the base price at \$34 until the end of next year at emergency talks in Geneva Oct. 29. Asked if this would apply even if the value of the dollar changed, Sheikh Yamani said: "Oh yes. I have doubt about it. I am even thinking about a surprise gift." He said this would not relate to Saudi Arabian production levels, but declined to give details. "You know when you send a gift it has to be nicely wrapped and a surprise."

Well-placed sources said Algeria, Libya, Kuwait and possibly Iran are already considering cuts in the premiums they charge which would reduce prices by about 50 U.S. cents to prevent a revolt by buyers. Some two-thirds of Saudi Arabia's output consists of benchmark grade light crude, which is rich in petrol. But it seemed likely that there would be small price cuts on medium and heavier oils,

used mostly for less expensive type fuels and which make up the other one-third of his production of around 8.5 million barrels daily, according to some delegates.

Price-shaving on the scale being considered would affect well under 25 percent of all OPEC oil and knock only a few cents off the average world price, so nobody should expect cheaper petrol at the pumps, they said. But it would slightly ease the burden on some oil companies that are losing money buying high-priced crude and selling refined products in a weak market where demand has fallen. This would make the companies less ready to mark up pump prices.

Falling world demand for OPEC oil has slashed the group's output from around 31 million barrels daily in 1979 to little more than 20 million now, forcing a majority of the 13 members to trim prices this year.

Subroto, outgoing OPEC president, told the opening session of Wednesday's meeting that the glut in the market had imposed a severe test of OPEC unity. But obituaries about its demise had been premature, he said, adding that OPEC had come through possibly its most difficult year intact.

Although the 13 members had agreed on a single base price when they met in Geneva Oct. 29, there remained the challenge of setting fixed differentials that all could accept, Subroto said.

Steps imminent

Stop plot, U.S. warns Qaddafi

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 — The U.S. government has sent Libya a message through a third country warning Muammar Qaddafi to call off an alleged plot to kill top U.S. officials.

According to reports from an "authoritative source", the Reagan administration presented to Libya some of its evidence that such a plot exists and warned Qaddafi what would happen if he carried out the purported plan. The source refused to give details about the message.

Senior administration officials told reporters Tuesday that the United States is planning some form of economic sanctions against Libya, including a possible boycott of Libyan oil. For the second day in a row, President Reagan held a National Security Council meeting on the reported threat. But, evidently, the group concluded the meeting without resolving the issue of how to respond to the threats. One idea considered a possibility, though, is a joint boycott of Libyan oil involving the United States and its major European allies.

The White House issued a statement Tuesday saying that it was 24 to 48 hours away from a decision on how to handle the situation.

While government officials seemed to be slowly moving toward some sort of retaliatory action against Libya, some Washington observers expressed doubts about the administration's reaction to the alleged assassination plot. Some journalists, educators, and even government officials have openly expressed their opinion that the Reagan administration is overreacting to the possibility of such a murder plot, and is subsequently enhancing Qaddafi's image and hurting U.S. credibility throughout the world.

Although most observers claim that rumored threats to the life of the president should be taken seriously, many have wondered out loud whether the United States isn't simply boosting the Libyan leader's reputation as a power player in world politics. Rumors that a Libya-backed assassination squad had infiltrated the United States and was planning to kill President Reagan and other top U.S. officials first surfaced last week.

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Chamber of commerce eyes public relations

RIYADH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman met with the president and members of the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry here.

Mayor of Riyadh Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim, who attended the Tuesday meeting, said that discussions centered on the development of relations between the merchant and the consumer on one side and between the merchant and government departments on the other. He added that the meeting reflected Prince Salman's desire to see uninterrupted cooperation among the government and non-government agencies. He said the meeting was useful, and added that **Farsi heads meeting**

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi will preside over a meeting of the Prince Fawaz Cooperative Housing Project's board Thursday. After the meeting, members of the board will make an inspection tour of the project's site to review progress of work. Dr. Muntazir Hakeem, a member of the board, said Wednesday that a report on the first phase will be discussed at the meeting. The phase incorporates 500 villas of which 90 are almost complete, he said. They also will discuss a financial report on the project.

the governor has ordered the chamber's representation in the committee, which has been asked to study the subject of warehouses so that there should be no pressure on anyone.

In another development, Sheikh Saad Al-Moajal, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the Eastern Province, met with the visiting Italian trade delegation in Dammam Tuesday. They discussed several subjects connected with commercial cooperation in the sphere of furniture and furnishings. The delegation earlier called on Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi, governor of the Eastern Province.

On Wednesday, the Italian delegation arrived in Ahsa and met with Sheikh Nasser ibn Zar'ah, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ahsa region. The meeting was attended by several businessmen and merchants who discussed possible ways of boosting trade and industrial delegation between the two sides.

In other news, a Norwegian trade and industrial delegation was to arrive in Dhahran Wednesday for several days' visit to the Eastern Province. The delegation, which represents the Norwegian Exports Council for aluminum industries, will meet with the president and members of the regional chambers of commerce.

Water to run uphill course

MAKKAH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Drinking water will be pumped to the highlands and hilly areas on an experimental basis Sunday, it was announced by Sheikh Fahd Al-Sulaiman, director general of water and sewage of the Western Province, Wednesday.

He said that the idea, which has been suggested by Saudi engineers, will solve many problems of the citizens suffering as a result of lack of water in the houses in those areas. The first experimental pumping will be carried out in Misfalah area on Abu Shadadain mountain foot.

Postal services plan expansion

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Director General of Posts Samir Banajah said here Wednesday that his directorate general plans to popularize postal services in all parts of the Kingdom during the Third Five-Year Plan period.

He said that four new postal zones are intended to be opened, in addition to the Makkah postal zone. Postal zones will soon be opened in Baha, Tabuk and Hail, he said, adding that there is a project to build five postal buildings and 100 post offices and to increase the number of post boxes to 100,000, in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam. The number will be increased in other areas also, he said.

Railway group on tour

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — A three-member Pakistani railway delegation left here Wednesday for Dhahran on its way back home after concluding a short visit to the Kingdom, a Pakistan Embassy report said.

The visit was described as highly fruitful, productive and conducive to further expansion of cooperation in the railways field by the leader of the delegation, Hassan Zaheer who also is the secretary of Pakistan's Railways Ministry.

The delegation held several rounds of talks with the president of the Saudi Railroad Organization, Sheikh Faisal Al-Shubail, to explore further avenues of increased cooperation between the two countries in various fields of railways, according to the report.

Report released on Jeddah flyovers

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — A total length of 200 kilometers of roads and flyovers have been constructed in Jeddah by the end of October, 1981, according to a Communications Ministry report Wednesday.

The report said that several main roads have been widened, such as Prince Fahd Street, Palestine Street, the road leading to King Abdul Aziz Airport from Palestine Square and Tahlia Street. It added that work is in progress on nearly 40 kms. of roads with elevated intersections, including the portion within the city from the Jeddah/Makkah expressway. The 12.5 kilometer flyover begins from the northern gate of the Jeddah

Islamic Port and ends at Kilo 12.5 on the expressway. This is in addition to Prince Fahd flyover which begins from the same point and connects to the portion that has been completed in Sharafiah area, the report said.

The report added that several road projects have either been completed or are under implementation at present. The total length of these roads is estimated at 171 kms., it said. Kingdom-wide during 1979-80, a total of 1,447 kms. of asphalted roads were built, raising their total length to 21,585 kilometers. In addition to the asphalted roads, a network of rural roads has been constructed in the rural areas.

China opens trade fair

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi opened the Chinese Trade Fair at Hyatt Regency Hotel Wednesday evening. The exhibition, which will run until Dec. 15, features a wide range of products. Nearly 82 firms are taking part in the seven-day fair in which electronic goods, furniture, carpets, textiles, building materials, toys and handicraft are displayed.

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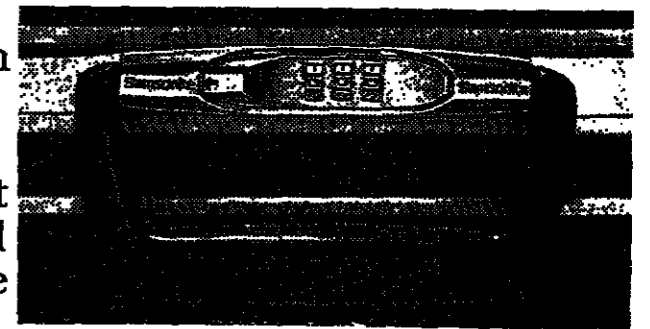
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During Riyadh University speech

Bishara stresses GCC commitment

RIYADH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — The Gulf Cooperation Council is a permanent body and not the result of temporary influence, according to GCC Secretary General Abdullah Bishara.

In an open dialogue with Students of Riyadh University Tuesday night, Bishara said that the power of the GCC is strength to

all Arabs. "Preparations are underway at present to reach a method that protects the principles of the council" he said.

The cooperation council is a unique phenomenon in the world, which provides an answer for "many requirements," Bishara told the students.

The GCC secretary general had been

actively engaged in contacts with various Saudi Arabian officials during the past few days. He was received by Information Minister Muhammad Abdo Yamani Tuesday. The meeting, attended by GCC Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs Ibrahim Al-Subhi, dealt with information cooperation among Gulf states and further consolidating the existing contacts.

Yamani expressed full readiness to cooperate with the GCC Secretariat General in all information fields in the future. Bishara said the minister's good initiative will further strengthen cooperation between the secretariat general and information authorities in the Kingdom, as well as the other member states.

Bishara and Subhi also called on Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd Monday and reviewed several topics related to sports and youth activities.

"The GCC member states do not intend to influence anyone. They are against suppression. However, these states want the stability of the Gulf, to protect it, maintain its security and preserve its traditions," Bishara told the students.

He stressed that the danger threatening Gulf states results from not settling the Palestinian question. Referring to the Kingdom's presentation of the peace proposal at the Fez Arab summit, Bishara said the plan was a procedural move made by Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Gulf states.

The variation of some member states' relations with certain international parties serves Gulf interests through the GCC, Bishara told his audience. However, these parties cannot benefit from bilateral relations with some of the GCC states without accepting the cooperation council as a whole, he said.

Dramatic events forecast

RIYADH, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — The Gulf region soon will witness dramatic political developments as a result of efforts by the Gulf Cooperation Council, Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa said.

The prime minister was speaking with the *Gulf News Agency*, *Gulf News* newspaper and *Al-Bahrain* weekly regarding the 20th anniversary of Bahrain's ruler's accession and the tenth independence anniversary on Dec. 16. He added that the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council is only the manifestation of realities.

However, Sheikh Khalifa cautioned that whatever major political developments the area might witness will not take unrealistic proportions "because we don't like to jump and be suspended in the air. Whatever step we take is thoroughly calculated," he said. He added that Gulf states must rely on their intrinsic power in facing any danger. In any case, he added, Arab Gulf states are against the policy of super powers despite the numerous unholy designs they face.

The prime minister said Gulf states will have to agree on a clear policy regarding the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc countries. "My country wishes to have

good relations with everybody on condition that such relations do not harm us," he added.

Sheikh Khalifa said Gulf leaders are endeavoring to ensure security coordination so their nationals may enjoy peace, security and certainty. He added that the area's nationals placed great hopes on the forthcoming meeting of GCC defense ministers. For his part, he went on, he would have no objection to Gulf prime ministers holding periodical meetings for the sake of coordination.

He said he regrets the present Arab state of disunity and disagreement, but expressed hope that all efforts will be exerted to restore Arab strength by closing ranks. The area is surrounded by too many dangers, he said, and the Gulf countries have no other choice but to unite and coordinate efforts.

On Saudi-Bahraini relations, Sheikh Khalifa dwelt on the importance of the causeway between the Kingdom and Bahrain in bringing the two peoples closer to each other and fostering communications. He hailed Saudi Arabia's efforts to help Gulf countries, the Arab and Islamic world in general, and Bahrain in particular.

Prince urges more aid for children

DACCA, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant secretary general of the United Nations made a worldwide appeal to increase assistance for the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) in order to finance more children projects in the Third

World.

Prince Talal, who also is head of the Arab Gulf Program for U.N. Development Organization and the special envoy for UNICEF, was speaking at a conference here Tuesday. The conference was organized by the government of Bangladesh in cooperation with UNICEF to review the children fund's projects in the country.

The prince said that the reduced financial allocations by some countries is affecting the

activities of the humanitarian and development organizations of the U.N. He urged international society to shoulder the responsibility toward the world's children without discrimination in color or religion.

About one billion children in the world are living in great poverty and cannot obtain basic services of medical care, nutrition and education, Prince Talal said. Half of the world's children suffering from bad nutrition are living in South-East Asia alone, he said.

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Austria wants PLO to send senior envoy

ABU DHABI, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said Wednesday he had asked Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat to send a new representative to Vienna.

Kreisky was speaking to reporters after meeting Arafat during a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates. Austria was the first Western country to recognize the PLO, but relations between them were frozen last summer after the Palestinian representative in Vienna was recalled after a gun-smuggling incident.

Kreisky said his meeting with Arafat had helped to clear up the situation, and added: "There is no doubt our relations are precisely the same as before." He said: "I have

recommended to Arafat to send a high-ranking man with prestige (to Vienna). He should be a man of high reputation." The chancellor also said the PLO had had nothing to do with "terrorist activities" in Austria, and in fact was firmly opposed to them.

He was referring to an attack on a Vienna synagogue in August, in which two Jews were killed and 20 injured.

Arafat later met Mervin Dymally, a U.S. Democrat Congressman and a member of the Foreign Relations Committee. They discussed Saudi Arabia's Middle East peace plan and the Palestinian issue. Arafat urged the U.S. to make concessions and enter into dialogue with the PLO. Dymally said. Arafat later left Abu Dhabi.

Israel to defy U.N. vote on canal issue

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9 (AP) — Israel will go ahead with plans to channel water from the Mediterranean sea to the Dead Sea despite United Nations resolutions condemning the project, Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman said Wednesday.

Reacting to Monday's approval by the U.N. General Assembly's special political committee of a resolution demanding that Israel drop the project, Berman said Israel was "always ready to sit with Jordan or whoever has claims...as it wants to build the canal." Berman told Israel radio that even if there was no coordination, Israel was planning the canal. Part of the waterway's planned route is through the occupied Gaza Strip.

Israelis gloat over remarks by Cheysson

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9 (R) — Israeli newspapers were jubilant Wednesday about what Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir called "a new era in Franco-Israeli relations" following French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson's brief visit here.

The English language *Jerusalem Post*, in an editorial entitled "Entente Cordial," said the tone of Cheysson's public remarks was "so novel to Israeli ears it still echoes pleasantly the morning after his departure." Cheysson called on Europe to mind its own business and abandon thoughts of a peacemaking role in the Middle East, which left Israelis delighted since they have been highly critical of European peace initiatives.

The newspaper said "differences still exist between France and Israel on the Palestinian question but France no longer believes 'Israel can be dictated to by the Europeans'."

Afro-Arab conference raps Zionist aggression

LUANDA, Dec. 9 (AFP) — The Afro-Arab Solidarity Conference here was scheduled to end late Wednesday with the approval of a final communique covering Palestine, Namibia and South Africa. Western Sahara and the condemnation of the "American-backed Tel Aviv-Pretoria axis."

A conference spokesman said that a plenary session would synthesise the work of specialist commissions which met behind closed doors after discussions of general policy. Participants included delegates from ruling parties or opposition movements in Afri-

can and Arab countries along with Portugal, Italy and Cyprus in Europe, southern African freedom movements — the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) and the African National Congress, the Western Sahara Polisario Front and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

All stressed the need for Afro-Arab cooperation to end attacks of "imperialism" represented by Israel, South Africa and above all the United States. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat sent a message along these lines.

Israel clamps curfew on Gaza town

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9 (AP) — Israeli authorities clamped curfew Wednesday on the Gaza Strip town of Rafah as Arabs continued a 10-day series of demonstrations against Israeli rule, military sources said. Palestinian protests were reported in three places in the occupied West Bank.

Israel radio reported that non-residents of the Gaza Strip were refused entry, and soldiers at roadblocks prevented reporters from entering the occupied territory. Troops made attempts to force shopkeepers to open their stores, the sources said. On Tuesday, soldiers welded the shutdoors of stores whose owners refused to open.

Arab youths in Beit Hanoun, eight miles northeast of Gaza City, burned tires and blocked a road with rocks. In the Jebelya refugee camp near Beit Hanoun, youths threw stones at Israeli cars, but no injuries or damages were reported. Troops arrested 11 of the demonstrators, the sources said.

Turkey arrests film director

ANKARA, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Turkish film director Ali Habib Ozgenturk, known in Europe for his film *Hazal*, was arrested last week, informed sources said Wednesday. No reason has been given for his arrest, which was carried out while he was in his Istanbul studio, editing reels of his new film entitled *The Horse*. Another noted film personality, producer Atif Yilmaz, is serving a two-and-a-half year prison term for contempt of court.

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Iran killing war prisoners -- Iraq

BEIRUT, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Iraqi newspapers Wednesday quoted a government spokesman as saying Iran has executed 1,500 Iraqi prisoners taken during its offensive that began Nov. 29 on the Iranian front town of Susangerd.

Both *As Saoura* and *Al-Gomhouriya* newspapers called the alleged executions "criminal acts without precedent in the world's war annals... this odious crime will not go without a firm punishment." The newspapers quoted an official spokesman as saying "it has been established for Iraq that Iran executed 1,500 prisoners of war captured before and

during the fighting in Susangerd."

The spokesman said escaped prisoners were the sources of the information, and also cited a statement by Iranian President Ali Khamenei that the "Tehran authorities have dug 1,500 graves." "Since the number of Iraqi victims is that established by military statements, and since the Iraqi army is not in the habit of leaving its martyrs on the field of honor, the Khamenei statement can only be interpreted as a way of disguising the execution of 1,500 prisoners of war."

Iran official shot dead

TEHRAN, Dec. 9 (AFP) — A senior Iranian provincial official was shot dead by unknown assailants Wednesday on his way to his office in Hamedan, western Iran, Pars news agency said. Akbar Magasudi, undersecretary of education for Hamedan province, was shot near his house by "terrorists" who managed to escape, the agency added.

BRIEFS

NEW DELHI, (R) — Soviet troops have retaliated against Afghan rebel attacks in Ghazni south of Kabul by indiscriminately killing civilians and using tanks to flatten buildings, diplomatic sources said Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Ronald Reagan told President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus Tuesday that the United States hopes for a "just and lasting settlement" of the Cyprus problem. The two leaders met in the Oval Office of the White House with their aides in what was called a working visit.



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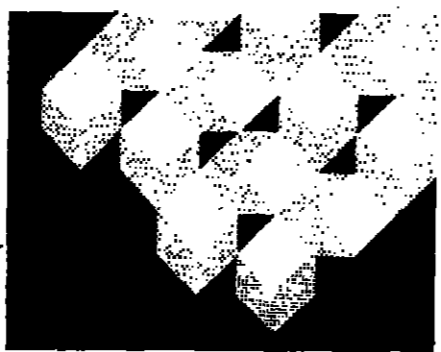
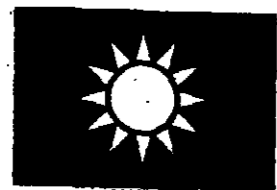
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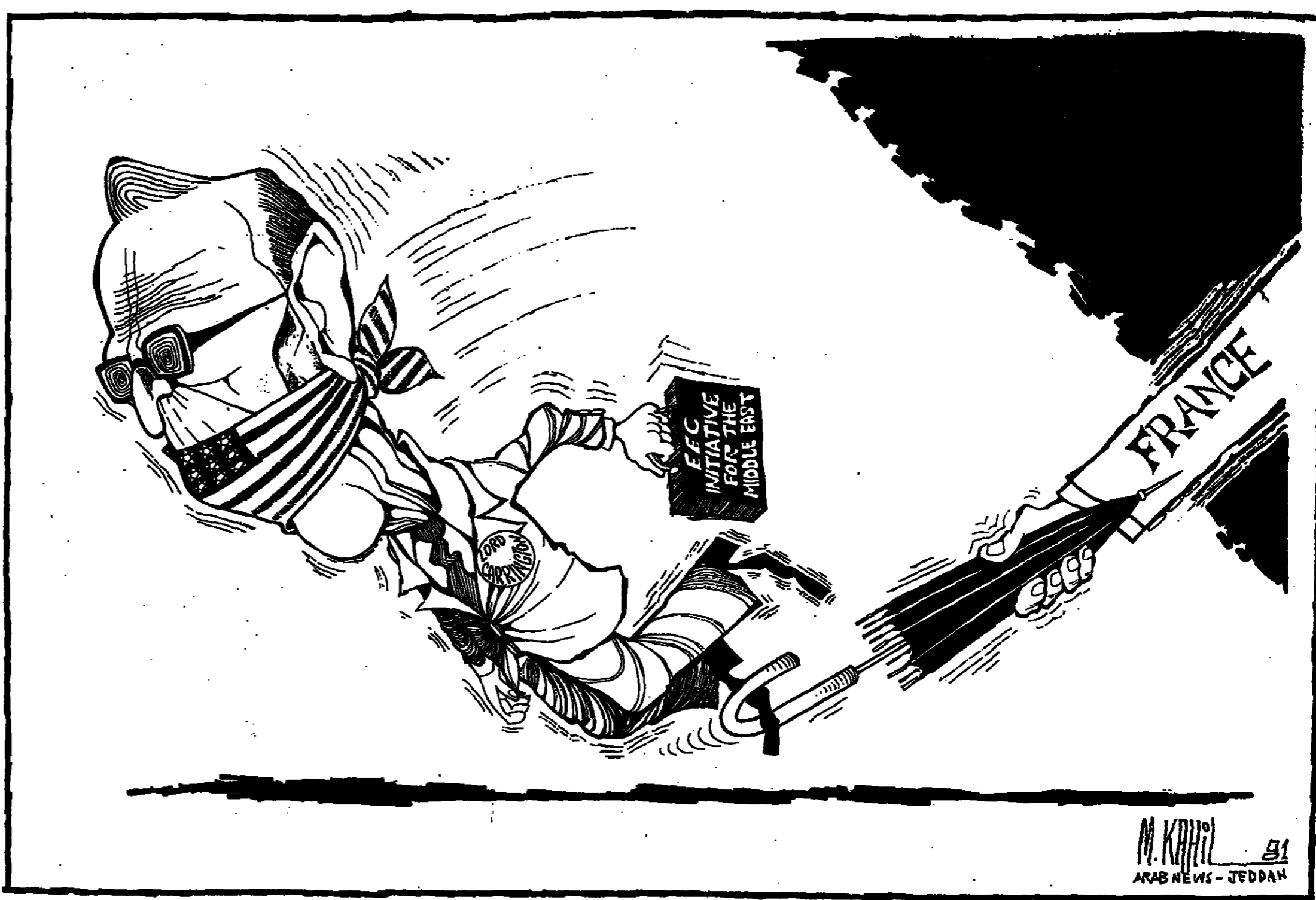
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Iran-Israel connection

When policy of never dealing with Zionists was abandoned (I)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a two-part article.)

By Staff Writers

LONDON — Figures published by the Central Bank of Iran in August provide a painstakingly accurate account of Iran's imports. Trade partners are fully identified, even when they have, as is the case with such countries like Albania and Botswana, sold no more than a few thousand dollars worth of goods to Iran. But this meticulous accuracy is, inexplicably, abandoned when it comes to a curious item simply listed as "others". Thus, it becomes clear that "others" have been selling Iran goods worth more than \$55 million a month since December 1980.

The same "others", as if by coincidence, also appears in the Israeli statistics as well, this time as an importer. Figures published by the Israeli Commerce Ministry show "others" as having purchased more than \$48 million worth of goods in the same period. Even poor little Burundi is mentioned by name, although it bought only a few thousand dollars of Israeli products. So why should "others" remain anonymous?

Evidently, both Iran and Israel have something to hide. But what? Amid a maze of rumors and leaks, a growingly credible picture of under-the-counter trade between Iran and the Zionist state is now emerging. Both Iranian and European businessmen with intimate knowledge of Iran-Israel trade over the years, are categorical that the two old partners, whose relations were interrupted by the revolution in 1979, are now back doing business together.

Some even claim that the trade link was never truly broken, despite vituperations from the Ayatollahs in Tehran. But Javad G., an Iranian businessman now in exile in Hamburg, West Germany, disputes that. He says he is sure that trade between Iran and Israel was stopped between February 1979 and "sometime at the end of 1980." As a man who had done business with Israel for more than 20 years, he should know.

G. claims that contact between Iran and Israel was re-established because the Iran-Iraq war combined with the U.S. trade embargo was forcing Iran's new rulers, to abandoning their original claims of never dealing with the Zionists.

An Israeli businessman called Dr. F. who had spent 18 years in Iran, said that Israel has now resumed "at least two-thirds of its previous exports to Iran." Dr. F. himself had been in the business of exporting Iranian marbles to Italy before the revolution. He had an 18 percent share in a quarry near Kerman and a 41 percent share in a stone-cutting plant south of the capital. In the course of the revolution he sold his assets, placing the proceeds in Swiss bank accounts.

"I thought I had better forget about Iran, at least for 10 years," he recalled in a recent interview in Paris. "Ayatollahs would never do business with us, I thought."

A few weeks after the Iran-Iraq war had begun, Dr. F. suddenly received a call from two of his old Iranian partners — two brothers called Reza and Mehdi Ebrahimezzadeh who had been in the marble trade for years. The two had allied themselves to Ayatollah Khomeini's son-in-law Hajjotaleban Shabbuddin Esraqui, and had, as a result, come to monopolize the export of Iranian "raw marble" for processing in Italy. They asked Dr. F. to meet them at a trade exhibition in Cologne, West Germany. He did so. The two proposed to have him back "in business", using his contacts and "expert knowledge."

"There was, only one condition," Dr. F. said. "The two brothers wanted me to arrange for the purchase of a number of military items in return. I refused, because I was not in that line."

The "Dr.", however, introduced them to a middleman, simply identified as "Evren", probably a pseudonym, who was well-established as a broker in the arms market.

We traced the Ebrahimezzadeh brothers who are both in Tehran. They admitted knowing Dr. F. and having done business with him. They said they did not care who helped with their export goods since Iran was short of foreign currency. But they denied having been involved in the arms business. And yet we discovered that they both had registered a com-

pany in Paris, named Iranex which is listed as doing "general trade." We phoned the company's office, asking to talk to Evren and were at first told that he was not in and that we could leave a message. We said we would phone later. When we did phone again a few days later, the number had been changed to an unlisted one.

Doing business with Iran is specially attractive to Israeli businessmen. Iran pays cash and asks few questions about comparative prices. And Israeli businessmen living and working abroad can keep a foreign bank account for eight years, under Israeli law. This is a big advantage considering the poor state of the Israeli economy and the weakness of the Israeli pound. Despite high interest rates in the Zionist state, many Israelis prefer to keep their savings abroad, thinking about "a rainy day."

When the Iranian revolution came in 1979, Israel owed Iran over \$780 million of which some \$450 was represented by Israeli debts contracted in purchasing Iranian crude oil. The rest consisted of the National Iranian Oil Company's (NIOC) investment in the Eilat-Ashteklon oil pipeline. What happened to that money?

Hassan Nazih who was Khomeini's first chief of the NIOC said that he discussed the matter with the ayatollah on two occasions. The first time, Khomeini asked him to find out how the money could be retrieved. Nazih, accordingly, established contact with "intermediaries" who quickly came back with the message that Israel was more than willing to negotiate. It was agreed that representatives of both sides should meet in London. Nazih then went to see Khomeini for a second time, reporting on the progress made. The ayatollah was evasive at first but finally insisted that there should be no talks with the Israelis. Nazih said he accordingly gave up the effort. A few months later, however, he heard that "a close relation of the ayatollah" had been dispatched to London to make the contact in February 1980. He was not prepared to name the "close relation" but other sources have identified him to us as Sadeq Tabataba'i, a nephew of the disappeared Lebanese Shiite leader Imam Mousa Sadr and also related to Khomeini.

Tabataba'i who also played a role in negotiating the release of the American hostages has been linked to the Israeli trade dossier by several of the sources prepared to talk to us. The frequency with which his name has been mentioned in this connection rules out the possibility of collusion or a rumor campaign by any interested party.

Tabataba'i reportedly was the one who per-

sued Khomeini to accept the Israeli connection. He met Khomeini in November 1980 apparently in collusion with the late strongman Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti. He told the "Supreme Guide" that Iran needed to secure war supplies through whatever channels available. The need for arms, spare parts and war material in general was pressing. But the nation was also beginning to face the possibility of food shortages. U.S. President Jimmy Carter had exempted foodstuff and medical supplies from his list of embargoed goods for Iran. But American dock workers had made it clear they would not load ships destined for Iran.

It was Irving Willoughby, a middleman based in Houston, Texas, who suggested that the Iranians find another "end user" to avoid the dockers' quarantine. The "end user" is the country to which exported goods will ultimately be delivered. Willoughby who is registered as a broker had for years traded with Iran and Iraq. It was his suggestion that Israel should be named as "end user." Two small central American republics that had been approached had refused to play the role. We don't know the eventual circumstances of the deal, but we know that Israel which had never imported cereals from the United States became an importer and supposedly bought some 135,000 tons of grain shipped through Houston, during the period December 1980-January 1981 after which the dockers lifted their embargo.

The Iranian contactmen in the deal were Ismail Nahidian, a Washington D.C. businessman of Iranian origin, and Mohsen Fatemi who maintains an office on E54 Street in New York. Both are known as early converts to Khomeinism and have financed pro-Khomeini activities in the U.S. and Europe. We interviewed both over the telephone. Nahidian said he would do "everything necessary" to help Iran but would neither confirm nor deny the Israeli connection specifically. Fatemi, on the other hand, said that Iran has "bribed" the Israelis to help break the "satanic embargo imposed against the Islamic republic." He would give no details saying that the Zionists would do everything for money. He also claimed that a certain Reza Sadr, who had briefly served as Khomeini's commerce minister had been responsible for the "illegal connection" and that, having been found out, he was now lingering in an Iranian prison.

Whatever the truth of the matter, both Nahidian and Fatemi are closely linked with Tabataba'i both through family links and business interests.

It was in the course of our investigations concern-

ing the enigmatic Tabataba'i that we were contacted by a certain Yahya M., a former official of the Iranian Commerce Ministry and now an exile in West Germany. He had, somehow, heard of our enquiries and now proposed a meeting in Paris to tell us "the whole story." We checked M's background. He had worked for the Iranian Foreign Ministry under the Shah. After the revolution he became a friend of Abolhasan Bani-Sadr who later became president for a while. M. accompanied Bani-Sadr on various missions organized on Khomeini's orders, including two to negotiate with Kurdish rebels in 1979. Later M. joined the commerce ministry as "counselor on foreign trade." He accompanied Tabataba'i on at least one trip to Europe during which he contacted exiled former colleagues.

Naturally, his story is uncheckable beyond a certain point. But this is what he had to say. Early in November 1980 (he does not remember the exact date) he accompanied Tabataba'i to Zurich where they stayed at the Seiderhof Hotel for two days. We checked with the hotel and they confirmed that two Iranians had stayed there between Nov. 7 and 9. M. was one of the two but the second one called himself "Namaz". In any case, M. said it was there that Tabataba'i met with the mysterious "Evren" and an aide called "Zlotowski". Tabataba'i said Iran was at war and did not care who provided it with the supplies it needed. Evren boasted that he could provide "everything". He also said that he had "the necessary covers" in Cyprus, Turkey and Greece and that "maximum precaution" would be exercised.

"We are in business and not in politics," M. quoted "Evren" as saying. "We don't want to embarrass anyone politically. We just want to trade."

Tabataba'i, according to M. was less than tactful and quickly made it clear that he was after almost everything and that price would be no problem. Two meetings were held, according to M., one at the Seiderhof cafe where the two Iranian representatives drank only tomato juice and the second in a "downtown cafe" because Tabataba'i was afraid of "CIA tape-recorders everywhere."

It was agreed that "experts" should meet men introduced by "Evren" as soon as possible to proceed from the board agreement just reached. M. claims that "Evren" gave Tabataba'i a card, telling him it included "all the necessary numbers you need." Tabataba'i said he would send his men "within a week."

(To be continued tomorrow)

West Europe, U.S. agree to differ on Qaddafi

By Harvey Morris

LONDON — Western Europe has strong economic reasons for wanting to keep out of the increasingly bitter row between the United States and Libya, according to Western diplomats. With Libyan-trained assassins alleged to be on the loose in the United States and stalking President Reagan, relations between Washington and Tripoli have reached a new low. By contrast, relations between Col. Muammar Qaddafi's administration and Western European governments are described by Western officials as on a better footing than for some time.

An unconfirmed report that President Reagan might now seek to involve his allies in a campaign against Qaddafi comes in the current issue of Newsweek magazine. The U.S. weekly said Reagan is secretly sounding out West European countries on possible joint sanctions against Libya.

Reagan, whose administration regards Qaddafi as a Soviet surrogate and a supporter of terrorism, has so far resisted calls within the United States for a unilateral economic boycott of Libya. This would effectively mean a ban on oil imports from Libya, the United States' third biggest supplier.

But comments by Western European officials indicate they are reluctant to become embroiled in sanctions against Qaddafi. European Common Market (EEC) diplomats interviewed in Tripoli recently commented that, when it came to Qaddafi, Western Europe and Washington had agreed to differ.

One senior diplomat said: "The Europeans have

little effect on U.S. thinking about Libya because we are marching on a different plane." The diplomat said EEC ministers agreed earlier this year on the need to maintain a dialogue with Libya and added: "Behind this there is an economic reality."

The reality translates into billions of dollars of sales for Western Europe's recession-hit industries, and, in exchange, steady supplies of Libyan oil. Political relations between Western Europe and Qaddafi have frequently been stormy but economic ties have steadily grown with the increase of Libya's oil wealth.

The issues at the root of the Washington-Tripoli conflict — Qaddafi's alleged support for terrorism, his policies toward his African neighbors and his territorial claims on Mediterranean waters — have also caused friction with Western Europe. But the sometimes violent disputes have not led to a complete breakdown in relations.

France has seen its Tripoli Embassy sacked by demonstrators. Libya's People's Congress even threatened it with war last year in a dispute about French aid to Tunisia. The French nevertheless maintain a full diplomatic presence in Tripoli and it played a key role in ironing out recent differences over Chad.

Italy, the former colonial power in Libya, has clashed with Qaddafi over territorial questions. As recently as last October an Italian air force jet intercepted a Libyan airliner that strayed into Italy's airspace and in the past the Libyans have opened fire on Italian fishing boats. Italy remains, however, Libya's largest supplier of imports and relations are

generally good.

Qaddafi has insulted West Germany by calling it an American colony yet continues to trade with it. Britain's relations with Libya have often been near breaking point. Yet Libya is now one of Britain's top markets in the Middle East, purchasing almost a billion dollars a year in British exports.

Western diplomats said Britain was particularly angered by assassinations of Libyan exiles, which it believed were sanctioned by Qaddafi. They noted, however, that the killings appeared to have ceased following a warning from the EEC countries that they could affect trade relations with Libya.

The Libyan heavy industry secretary, Omar Mostafa Montasser, recently made the first visit to Britain by an official of his country since 1971. His message, according to Libyan sources, was that Britain should act according to its interests in the Arab world and not follow what he described as the dictates of the White House.

Washington is already pressuring its reluctant allies into joining a boycott against Libya. The Irish Airline Aer Lingus last week canceled a \$5 million sale of a used Boeing 707 to Libya under pressure from the U.S. government. Washington pointed out to Dublin a U.S. Department of Commerce order issued in September that prohibits the re-export of "American-made goods to Libya."

Ireland's opposition transport spokesman, Albert Reynolds, accused the Dublin government of being "weak-kneed". Bowing to U.S. pressure, he said, could damage the Irish Republic's \$150 million annual trade with the Libyans. (R)

SILENCE ON NAMBLA

Four months have passed since South Africa made its large-scale incursion on Angola's territory in pursuit of SWAPO's forces in the area. Now press reports say that the South Africans have gone into action against SWAPO once more a month ago. Angolan sovereignty was violated again — the South Africans were said to have penetrated 250 kms inside Angola, aiming at destroying SWAPO's main command center. Tens were killed, although the major portion of SWAPO's forces appears to have melted into the bush once the approach of the enemy became known.

Thus, while South Africa continues the attempt to impose its own solution on the Namibian (South-West African) crisis, the countries of the so-called "contact group", entrusted with the task of working for an acceptable formula for Namibian independence, keep to their customary silence. The silence of the Western powers represented by the contact group is echoed by the silence of most of the African nations. SWAPO's fight for independence, and Angola's for its sovereignty, are clearly being denied the help they are entitled to from the African and international communities.

That silence, indeed even connivance, especially from the Western powers who profess their opposition to South Africa's policies in Namibia, can be all too easily explained. Namibia is a land so rich in minerals — gold, uranium, silver to name but a few — that the interests of its people and their right to self-determination are seen as matters of secondary importance.

Saudi Arabian press review

The Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East, the role of Arab leaders in the next summit for forging a unified stand on their prime issue, and the call for Palestinians to deal with the current developments in accordance with their prime interests figured for editorial comments in Wednesday's newspapers.

Al-Bilad noted that the Kingdom's peace plan is a basic pillar of comprehensive Arab strategy for ensuring peace and security in the region. The paper said that the Kingdom was prompted to introduce the peace plan by its historic Arab and Islamic responsibility for realizing the Arab goals and solving the Arab's prime issue.

Commenting on the call of some foreign diplomatic observers that the Arabs should wait for few years before presenting their proposals for solving the Arab-Israeli conflict, *Al-Jawab* expressed its surprise over such unreasonable reactions, "since this would amount to giving the Zionists free time to launch aggressions on Arab lands and use this time for occupying more and more Arab territories."

"It is the most opportune time for the international community to recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization," the paper said.

Al-Jawab observed that the declaration of an independent Palestinian state does not require a period of five years as suggested by foreign circles on the pretext that they would like to see some political changes in Israel.

Dealing with the European interest in seeking a fair and just solution of the Mideast issue in the light of the Kingdom's peace plan, *Al-Riyadh* urged the Arab leaders to formulate a unified stance and a unanimous visualization for ensuring a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

"The unified option should contain Arab demands for a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem, allowing the Palestinian people to exercise self-determination and enabling them to establish an independent state on their own soil," the paper said.

Al-Riyadh urged the PLO to reconsider and reassess fully the circumstances and conditions affecting the Palestinian issue and to deal with the existing realities of the region in the light of the greater interests of the Palestinian people.

The paper called on the PLO to determine its stance at the local and international levels in coordination with responsible and sincere Arab efforts in order to counter Zionist designs in the region.

Al-Madinah and *Al-Nadwa* urged the French External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson, who concluded his visit to Israel, to affirm the stance of France on the Arab issue, in accordance with the international laws and resolutions, emerging basically from French ideals and traditions.

The papers asserted that the Arabs are determined to restore their usurped rights and hoped that France, a source of democracy and civilization to the world, will back right, justice and liberty in Palestine. — (SPA)

Bullock carts and high technology

Satellites made in India now in space, serving the people is program's goal

By Stuart Auerbach

BANGALORE, India (WP) — India used bullock carts and high technology to become the only Third World nation to plant a flag firmly in outer space. One of the two "Made in India" working satellites currently orbiting the earth was carried to an open field near the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) center here in an all-wood bullock cart so scientists could gauge its radio-magnetic emissions in a metal-free environment.

The space scientists here are proud of that mix of ancient and modern, which reflects Indian society itself, and they display the photograph of the spacecraft on the bullock cart as part of the research center's promotional slide show.

India's space experts justify the expenditure of \$664.5 million on the space program during the past 19 years as part of the job of turning an underdeveloped country into a modern nation, a job they say must be accomplished by Indians, not foreign experts.

As a result of India's push to develop its own space program, 18 months ago it became one of seven nations to launch its own satellite into earth orbit with a domestically manufactured rocket. The tiny Rohini satellite spun around the earth for a full year, longer than expected, before falling into the atmosphere and burning up.

India has not done as well with two other tries to launch satellites into orbit atop its four-stage, solid-fuel rocket, SLV3. The first try, in the summer of 1979, was called "partially unsuccessful" after the satellite sputtered into the sea shortly after launch because all the stages did not ignite. The latest attempt, last May, stayed in space only 10 days instead of the planned 90 because the

rocket failed to lift it into a high enough orbit. Despite these problems, common to all fledgling space efforts, India's satellite-building program is rated by outside experts as a success.

Four Indian-made satellites are currently circling the earth, two still working while the others were turned off after having done their jobs.

They all were launched on other nations' rockets, three supplied by the Soviet Union and one by France. The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration is to launch two communications satellites now being built for India by an American company.

While India's satellites represent significant technological achievement, they still are a decade or two behind current technology. Space officials here agree with the observation of a Western scientist that "there is nothing India has done that has not been done elsewhere."

The Soviet-launched, Indian-made Bhaskara-1, for example, was doing less-sophisticated remote sensing of the earth for India in 1979 than two American spacecraft — mariner 6 and 7 — did 10 years earlier.

Nonetheless, ISRO Director Satish Dhawan staunchly defended as part of the job of nation-building India's policy of making its own satellites rather than buying them from the world's technological giants.

"We are at a stage of development and our geopolitical position as a nonaligned nation is such that we have got to build our country and utilize our best talent and manpower," he said in a conversation with a group of foreign correspondents visiting the space facilities here.

How do we utilize them if we go on buying

satellites? There are many examples around the world that tell you if you don't build your nation yourself no one else is going to come and build it for you," he continued.

He and other Indian space officials maintained that the price is cheap compared to what India has attained, though other experts believe this country could have gotten more for its money sooner by buying satellites and technology.

Dhawan, however, insisted that India needs to learn how to use high technology to prosper.

Without it, he said, "we would not have the self-reliance, the strength ... to influence world markets. You are merely the recipients of the results of world marketing."

Following that policy, Dhawan, 51, promised that the next generation of communications satellites will be Indian-made, and some time in the next decade India will be able to launch these large, complex and expensive satellites with its own rockets.

Experts doubt that India will be able to achieve those ambitious goals, especially the ability to loft a satellite into orbit with the needed degree of reliability on an Indian-made rocket fired from Sriharikota Island in the Bay of Bengal, about 50 miles east of Madras. The rocket that lifted an Indian satellite recently is not considered reliable enough for such an expensive load.

While ISRO follows the national credo of trying to make satellites and rockets itself, the space effort is not isolated from the mainstream of world technology the way India's flagging nuclear program is. Indian was forced to go it alone in its nuclear program because its diversion of technology and materials for India's 1974 atomic blast violated international standards.

The space effort plays a major role in India's campaign to project itself as the most developed of the undeveloped nations — a leader in the Third World, a power on the South Asian subcontinent, a force to be reckoned with in international affairs and an incipient industrial giant.

The government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who also holds the portfolio of Minister of Space, would rather see India portrayed as a space-age nation than as the 15th poorest country, with half of its 650,000 villages lacking electricity and two-thirds of its 680 million people unable to read or write.

Some Indians, however, question the wisdom of spending India's scarce financial and technical resources on a space program.

In an article in the *Indian Express* last month, Jagann Chawla criticized the boasts made by press and politicians after the launch by France of the Indian satellite *Apple*, which Gandhi called "a symbol of our growing technological self-reliance."

According to Chawla, "Apple is not a fully Indian communications satellite as it was made out to be." ISRO officials acknowledged that half of its components were brought from overseas, though they said with more time India could have made most of them.

India is the seventh nation in the world to launch its own satellite into orbit, for instance, only because other, more technology advanced countries decided it wasn't worthwhile to do so. The other six countries to have launched a home-made satellite with their own rocket are the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain, France, China and Japan.

ISRO Director Dhawan said he sees space technology as a tool for the future development of India, a way to bring communications to the vast areas of the country that virtually are cut off from the world, to give television to remote villages — helping teach the illiterate to read and write and the farmers to get better crop yields — and to help manage national resources by providing up-to-date information about forests, crops and weather.

Putting a man in space — an offer the Soviets made in 1977 and which is often repeated in statements from Moscow — appears to have a low priority for Dhawan.

To make sure that everyone in the space program understands its real aim, a stark picture is posted in each of ISRO's four centers around the country.

It shows a poverty-stricken young woman holding an undernourished baby, a familiar scene throughout India.

Despite Wood's death

MGM looking for solution of how to complete movie

By Peter J. Boyer

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — With production of MGM's *Brainstorm* shut down last week by the death of Natalie Wood, the studio is wrestling with the decision of whether to scrap the movie and collect roughly \$10 million in insurance or to complete the film without one of its principal players.

The latter course apparently represents a monumental challenge because one of Wood's unshot scenes was critical to the film's final sequence.

Sources indicate that in that final segment, Wood's character "experiences" the death of her husband through a machine that transfers human thought and emotion, setting off a prolonged special-effects sequence that was to have been the climax of the film.

Close-up reaction shots are said to be necessary to the sequence, all but precluding the use of a double in Wood's place.

Further complicating MGM's decision is the studio's belief that it had a winner in *Brainstorm*. The movie is a science-fiction thriller that seemed especially suited to the pyrotechnical inclinations of its director, Douglas Trumbull, whose special-effects wizardry was demonstrated in *The Andromeda Strain* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

In fact, sources said, the entire movie was one long series of special effects, culminating in that shared-death sequence, which was planned as a visual-effects odyssey to the afterlife. Shooting had been scheduled for completion Dec. 16, after which Trumbull was to have begun fashioning the special-effects work, a process that would have taken as long as six months.

One of the aspects of *Brainstorm* that attracted MGM, sources said, was Trumbull's plan to extend his gimmickry beyond the screen and into the theater itself, through the employment of a surround-type audio system and expanded screens.

Brainstorm based on the story *The Dunlop Tapes* by Bruce Rubin (who co-wrote the screenplay with Trumbull), takes place in North Carolina's "research triangle," an area thick with high-technology research facilities. Wood plays the disaffected wife of a

research scientist (Christopher Walken) whose singular attention to a special project has strained his marriage.

The film's action starts when Walken makes a breakthrough, creating a device that "plugs into" the brain, monitoring and transmitting thoughts and feelings.

The device — a sort of wired-up football helmet, connected to a computer — is hailed as the greatest communications innovation in history and, indeed, the gizmo seems capable of working wonders. Walken's and wood's characters share each other's thoughts, reliving their wedding ceremony, and their marriage is revitalized.

As the story continues, the possibilities of the device seem infinite, and it is seized upon by the competing factions within Walken's research-and-development firm. The manufacturing and sales divisions envision a sort of super TV that allows the "viewer" to actually experience a program. The gadget is put into mass production.

The division subsidized by the government, however, has a more sinister vision: Mind control. A conflict and chase ensue, culminating in the shared journey through death.

Trumbull's method of emphasizing the effects of the device was to show the audience the wearer's point of view in images that were more clear and colorful than the other scenes. The director shot the "mind-tripping" scenes using a high-speed, high-resolution 65-millimeter film process, and intended to have the screen widened for those sequences.

MGM has refused to discuss the details of the movie, but word that the story somehow involved death prompted a series of "bizarre coincidence" rumors and even a news report, distributed nationally by United Press International, that "the film Natalie Wood was in the process of making when she drowned includes a macabre parallel to the circumstances surrounding her death."

The UPI report was a "misinterpretation," said MGM spokesman Don Levy, who declined to elaborate.

Writer Rubin, who also declined to comment on the story line, said, "the film in a very real way has a resonance in relationship to Natalie Wood's death.... but it's not literal at all."

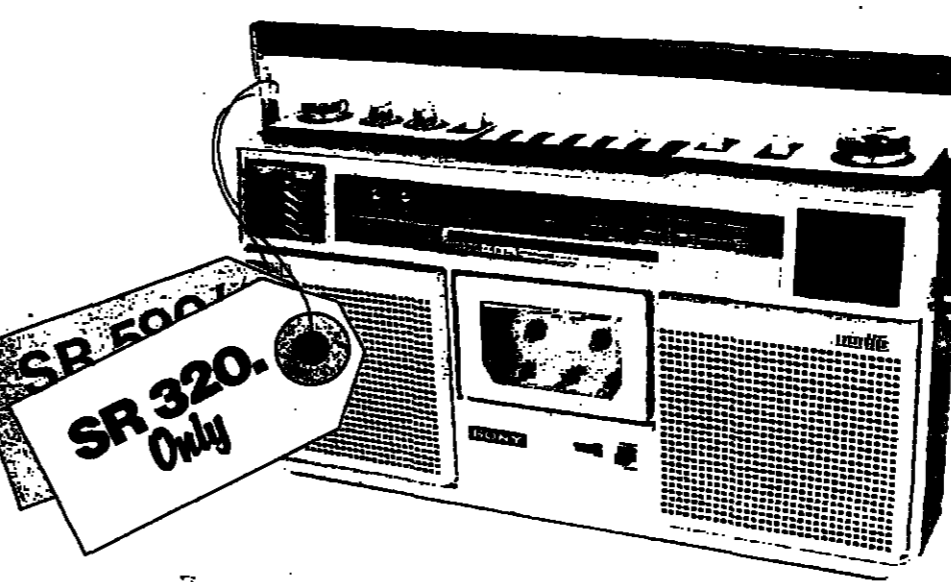
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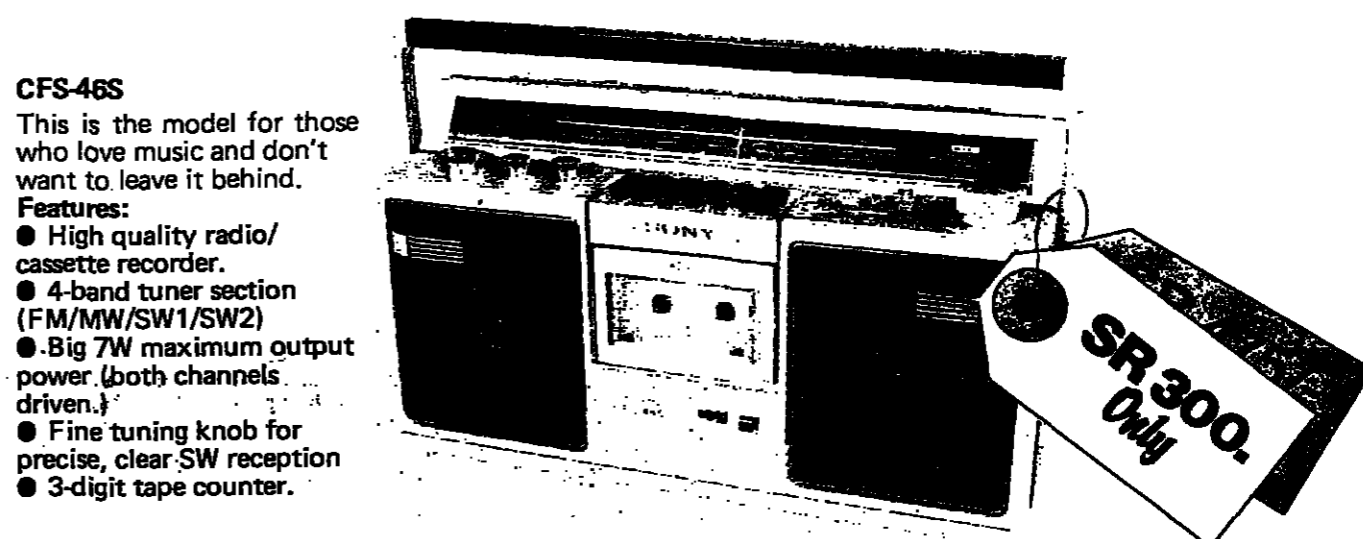
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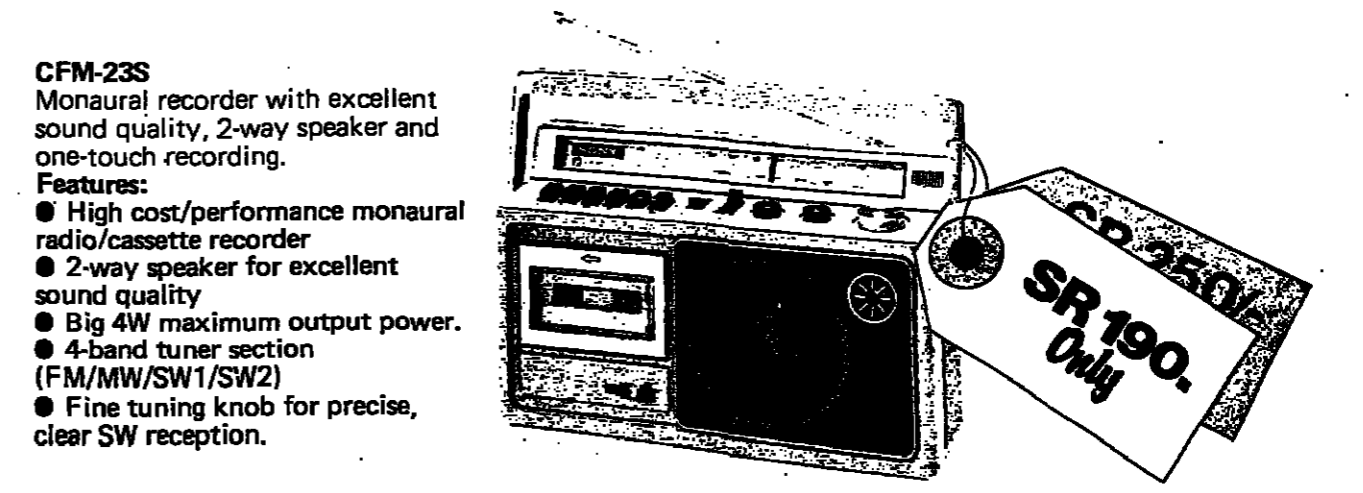
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American policy in Europe 'undercut'**Soviet forgery campaign alleged**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — The State Department outlined what it described as a systematic campaign by the Soviet Union and groups friendly to Moscow to undercut American foreign policy in Europe through dissemination of forged documents.

U.S. officials said Tuesday a number of false documents have surfaced in recent years, including one which purported to present secret American plans to blow up Western Europe with nuclear weapons in the event of war.

The officials, who briefed reporters on the condition they not be identified, said the Soviet Union clearly was behind some of these efforts but the origin of others could not be established.

They said that over the past year and a half, the forgery outlining alleged American war plans has appeared in Great Britain, the Netherlands, Spain, Norway, Belgium, Denmark, Malta and Greece. In some cases, the document surfaced more than once. The forgery has appeared in newspaper and magazine articles and in the hands of anti-nuclear groups, the officials said.

According to the officials, the forgery is based in part on documents stolen in the United States in the 1960s by Sgt. Robert Johnson, a Soviet agent now serving a 20-year jail term.

They said the forgery first began to appear two decades ago, then resurfaced in 1979 when the European allies were debating a

NATO proposal to deploy medium-range nuclear forces in Europe to counter the Soviet installation of SS-20 missiles.

The Soviets have waged an intense campaign in Western Europe in opposition to the NATO plan. The first missiles are scheduled to be installed in 1983.

The officials said the forgery, entitled *Holocaust Again for Europe* is believed to be of Soviet origin because it contains some of the same military jargon and phrases as the documents Johnson passed on to the Soviets.

The State Department decided to make public details of the forgery campaign in response to a number of press inquiries prompted by an official U.S. report on Soviet "disinformation" activities released two months ago. The officials cited these other examples of forgeries:

— A story from Vienna appearing in the Soviet press in October which alluded to "U.S. document 77707-10-70," declaring neutral Austria to be in the sphere of U.S. interests and targeting a number of Austrian cities and nuclear facilities for nuclear destruction.

— The appearance of a Soviet-inspired letter in Denmark recently purporting to detail U.S. and Chinese efforts to undercut Peking's relations with North Korea. The forgery led to the expulsion from Denmark of the Soviet diplomat who was believed responsible for the passing of the document.

— A letter supposedly written by President Reagan to King Juan Carlos of Spain in which Reagan encourages the monarch to destroy his left-wing opposition and says the United States will support Spain in its dispute with Great Britain over Gibraltar. The officials said the Spanish press immediately recognized the letter to be a forgery.

Gonsalves' language was more diplomatic at a welcoming banquet here Tuesday night when he said: "We have no way to go other than forward with our friendly relationship."

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong replied: "With our common efforts, our discussion will surely proceed smoothly and our friendly relations will grow." India's position is that full normalization cannot take place while the border question remains unresolved.

The Chinese believe the border issue is such a major obstacle that the two countries should try to develop relations in other fields such as trade, which at present stands at only \$100 million annually. India has now accepted an understanding that a solution to the border dispute is not a precondition for improving relations in other spheres.

First step in complex process**Sino-Indian talks begin today**

PEKING, Dec. 9 (R) — Indian and Chinese negotiators open talks here Thursday on the border dispute which led the two countries to war in 1962.

Although one Indian source said the discussions were opening in a spirit of "serious and amicable purposefulness," an early breakthrough seemed improbable and the talks, due to last until Sunday, were seen as a first step in a long and complex process.

The talks were arranged during a visit to India last June by Foreign Minister Huang Hua which symbolized the slow, and still uneven, improvement in relations between the two Asian states.

The Indian side will be led by a foreign affairs secretary, Eric Gonsalves, who irritated Peking last May when he was quoted in a Malaysian newspaper as saying the Chinese were behaving like "idiots" over Indochina.

Aging disease afflicts Filipino boy

MANILA, Philippines, Dec. 9 (AP) — The youngest child of a widowed Filipino vegetable vendor appears to be suffering from a rare and incurable aging disease known as progeria, the Manila newspaper *Times Journal* reported Wednesday. Local doctors originally had diagnosed the disease as malnutrition.

Crispin Mitante, who was eight on Nov. 7, looks 10 times older, is bald, bent and wrinkled and speaks with the squeaky voice of an old man, the newspaper said.

The child is two feet and seven inches (80 cm) tall and weighs a little more than 15 pounds (7 kg), according to the paper, and his pictures have features strikingly similar to photographs of Frasier Geringer, the South African boy who suffers from the rare aging disease, progeria.

Frasier became a well-known man when thousands of people contributed money to send him and his family to the United States for a trip to Disneyland. The journal quoted Crispin's 40-year-old Mother Violeta as saying her son is "a very good boy...the only thing he ever asks of me are cheap toys and

new T-shirts."

Interviewed in the nearby town of Canlubang, where Mrs. Mitante lives in a windowless basement with Crispin, a daughter and two other sons, the woman told the newspaper her son's condition had been diagnosed by a doctor as malnutrition. "The doctor said he lacks vitamins," Mrs. Mitante was quoted as saying.

Crispin's condition is not new to Mrs. Mitante. Her first child, a girl named Antonia, died at the age of 13 "looking like an old woman," the journal said without giving details of the girl's life.

But as for Crispin, the newspaper said, he is "easily the favorite" of his neighbors and vendors at the town's public market where his mother earns a living by selling vegetables.

Mrs. Mitante's other children — Wilfredo, 16; Marcelino, 13; and Teresita, 12 — are all normal and healthy, the newspaper said, adding however, that the family is so poor that Mrs. Mitante is "more concerned about their day-to-day needs than Crispin's affliction."

PARIS (AP) — France named five new ambassadors Tuesday to Turkey, Vietnam, Argentina, South Africa and the Seychelles. The Foreign Ministry announced that Fernand Rouillon, 61, had been posted to Turkey, Yvan Bastouil, 54, to Vietnam, Jean-Dominique Paolini, 57, to Argentina, Francois Plaisant, 49, to South Africa and Georg Vinson, 51, to the Seychelles.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate confirmation of President Ronald Reagan's nominees, including eight ambassadors, was recommended Tuesday by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The prospective ambassadors and countries to which they have been assigned are Kenneth L. Brown, Congo; Francis T. McNamara, Gabon; Gerald E. Thomas, Guyana; John H. Reed, Sri Lanka; Walter L. Cutler, Tunisia; Franklin S. Forsberg, Sweden; Mark E. Austad, Norway; and Milan D. Bish, Dominica.

SAN SALVADOR (AP) — Guerrillas attacked a military post guarding a bridge in Morazan province, officials said Tuesday. The military has been guarding bridges since leftist guerrillas fighting to overthrow the U.S.-supported civilian-military junta started sabotaging bridges, highways and other key parts of the nation's economic

Snowstorm halts London

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Londoners abandoned stranded commuter trains and walked to work along electrified tracks Tuesday as much of England and Wales was blanketed by up to eight inches of snow in the first fall of winter.

The sudden snowstorm brought large sections of Britain's rail system and London's subway network to a standstill. It blocked major highways and grounded planes at London's Heathrow and other airports for much of the morning.

Trials at London's famed Old Bailey criminal court were delayed because judges and jurors were held up in the transportation chaos. Some commuters took five hours to get into London instead of the normal 45-minute train rides.

However, the snow and temperatures of minus 2 degrees centigrade (28 degrees Fahrenheit) did not stop the century rugby match between Britain's top two universities, Cambridge and Oxford, at London's Twickenham stadium.

London's Heathrow Airport, one of the world's busiest aerial gateways, was badly hit with thousands of passengers getting delayed. British Airways domestic and European flights were held up, some for several hours. A score were canceled.

Inbound flights were held up because taxiways at Heathrow were jammed with delayed flights awaiting take-off clearance. Flights from the United States were diverted to airports in the Irish Republic.

On the roads, the Automobiles Association reported major backups as much as six miles long. Hundreds of drivers abandoned their vehicles on roadsides, adding to the chaos.

Voting tomorrow**Five enter U.N. poll fray**

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 9 (R) — Five new candidates tossed their "hats" into the ring as contenders for the post of U.N. secretary-general as the Security Council set a deadline of Wednesday for further applicants.

Olara Otunnu of Uganda, the council president, announced the names of the five candidates Tuesday night, following the withdrawal of Kurt Waldheim, the incumbent, and Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim, hitherto his only challenger.

The council set a 1800 Est (2300 GMT) deadline for further nominations and members are to meet on Friday to consider the new candidates.

The five named by Otunnu are: Carlos Ortiz de Rozas, Argentina's ambassador to London; Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, holder of an Iranian passport and a former U.N. high commissioner for refugees; former U.N. under secretary-general, Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru; Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal and Panamanian Foreign Minister Jorge Illueca.

There were no surprises among the list of candidates, all of whom were known to have been waiting in the wings for Salim's withdrawal as the only declared Third World contestant. Waldheim was vetoed a record 16 times by China, which has insisted that the next secretary-general be from the Third World. The United States vetoed Salim.

It was not known how many newcomers would join the runners by Wednesday night's deadline, but Rafael Salas of the Philippines, head of the U.N. Fund for Population Activities, and Kenneth Dadzie of Ghana, U.N. Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, are among those expected to enter.

None of the names mentioned appeared

certain to receive the minimum of nine affirmative votes needed for nomination and the concurrence of all the veto-bearing permanent members.

Prince Sadruddin and Perez de Cuellar were thought to have the best prospects among those listed. Otunnu said he was confident that the council would have a nominee before the General Assembly, which makes the appointment, adjourns next Tuesday.

In withdrawing his name from further balloting, Salim said Tuesday that he was nevertheless still available for the post. This is understood to be Waldheim's position also.

Funeral parlor sued for shortening legs

MANILA, Dec. 9 (R) — The family of a tall Filipino musician who died of a heart attack sued a funeral parlor here for shortening his legs to fit him into a coffin, a local newspaper reported Wednesday.

The *People's Journal* newspaper quoted the family as saying they became suspicious when they saw during mourning that the coffin was too short for the dead man who was six feet five inches (1.98 meters) tall.

On closer inspection it was found his knees were too close to the pelvic bones. The legs had apparently been shortened. The family was reported to have paid 16,000 pesos (\$2,000) to the parlor for the special coffin it had ordered for the musician, Jose Merto, 59.

Tanzania court orders minister vacate seat

DAR ES SALAAM, Dec. 9 (R) — Tanzania's minister of state for manpower development and administration, Abel K. Mwangi, lost his parliamentary seat when a court ruled Tuesday that his election in October was influenced by a distribution of food aimed at buying votes.

Three high court judges ruled in the town of Mwanza that Mwangi's Parliamentary seat be vacated and that the minister pay all court costs.

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infrastructure. GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Heavily armed leftist guerrillas set fire to four buses and two automobiles, killed two policemen and wounded at least six other persons in coordinated attacks in the capital and a village near here, police said Tuesday.

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) — Balloonists Maxie Anderson and Don Ida say they'll resume their around-the-world flight in the balloon *Jules Verne* with a launch from Jaipur, India, possibly within a week. Anderson and Ida launched their first leg of the flight from Egypt Feb. 12. The mission covered 4,553 kms before a leaking vent on

the balloon envelope forced the two to land near the village of Jindh, northwest of New Delhi.

WHITWELL, Tennessee (AFP) — Thirteen coal miners were killed in an explosion in the pit in which they were working Wednesday local authorities said here. A rescue team worked for eight hours to reach the pit but found no survivors.

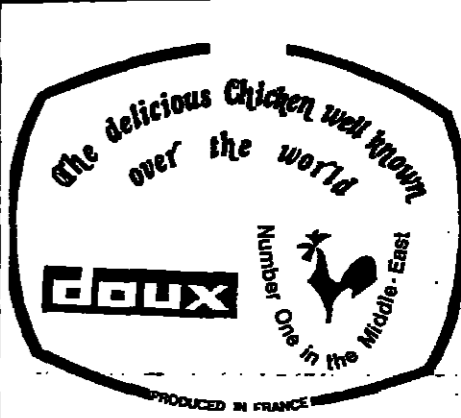
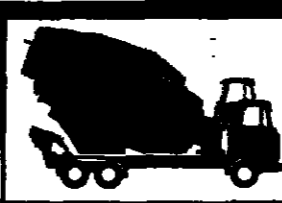
VALLETTA (AFP) — Malta's month-long election campaign, in which the Nationalist Party is bidding to end 10 years of Labor rule, ends Thursday night, giving its 320,000 inhabitants a day's respite before Saturday's poll.

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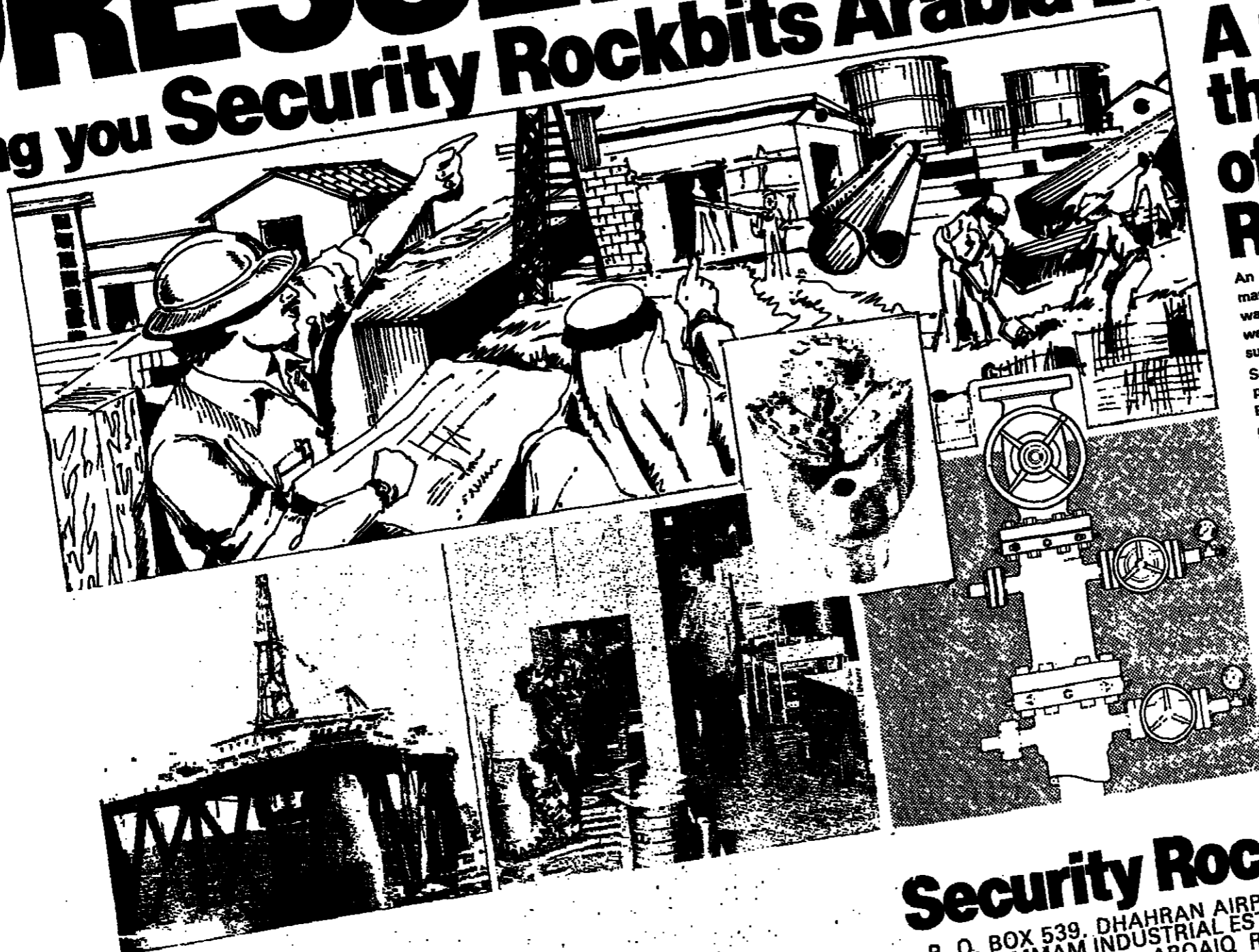
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Reagan aides deny deficits fuel inflation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (R) — The Reagan administration, which once said that budget deficits caused inflation, has declared that they would not unduly harm the economy.

The administration came to office a year ago with a promise to balance the budget by 1984, a hope it has now abandoned, and President Ronald Reagan said shortly after he entered the White House that excessive government spending had been "a major contributor to the initiation and persistence of inflation."

But all three members of the president's council of economic advisers, Murray Weidenbaum, William Niskanen and Jerry Jordan, Tuesday attempted to explain why large deficits in the future would not unduly harm the economy.

Niskanen told a conference of economists there was no compelling evidence to suggest that large deficits lead to higher inflation and interest rates.

Weidenbaum, the chairman of the council and Reagan's chief economic adviser, also told the conference: "Likely prospective budget deficits, while they will be sizable, can be financed without undue pressure on financial markets or on the Federal Reserve (central bank)."

U.S. accepts bids for oil hunt

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (R) — The U.S. government has accepted bids totalling almost \$425 million for the right to drill for oil gas in the deepest areas of the Atlantic ever explored.

The Shell Oil Company, dominated the sale, accounting for 75 percent of the bids accepted for leases on tracts 1,300 to 7,790 feet (400 to 2,370 meters) deep off New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

Shell was the big spender. Richard Barnett of the interior department told Reuters Tuesday. "They came in high on a lot of the tracts."

The government received 240 bids totalling \$576.8 million and accepted 98 offers which were subject to approval by the interior department. It was the department's third sale of leases on the outer continental shelf. The two previous sales, for sites in shallower water, raised \$1.2 billion.

The highest bid for a single tract came from Shell, which offered \$41.5 million for an area 6,000 to 7,000 feet (1,800 to 2,100 meters) deep off Delaware.

Lloyd Ortman, the general manager of Shell's offshore division, said drilling at 7,000 feet (over 2,000 meters) would require a major technological breakthrough. He said an exploratory well in the deepest part of the tract would cost about \$40 million.

The administration is currently reviewing economic projections that foresee budget deficits of \$109 billion in the current financial year, \$152.3 billion in the following year and \$162 billion by financial year 1984.

Conventional economic thinking has held that large deficits force the government to borrow heavily and encourage the central bank to print new, less valuable money which boosts inflation.

Economists have also argued that big deficits and heavy government borrowing leave less money available to private investors, a development that forces interest rates to rise.

The president's three advisers disputed this concept, saying large deficits could be financed through non-inflationary methods, including foreign investment and domestic savings.

Weidenbaum said budget deficits in coming years would represent a smaller percentage of the overall economy and, therefore, would not rob from the private sector money needed to fuel recovery.

Niskanen conceded the administration would not be able to meet all of its economic goals set last spring — balancing the budget, cutting both taxes and spending, reducing inflation and increasing defense expenditures.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — World Bank President A.W. Clausen urged U.S. support for the International Development Association (IDA), the branch of the bank that gives long-term, interest-free loans to the world's poorest countries.

The IDA is in danger of deep cuts from the U.S. Congress. "IDA is not a giveaway program, or a welfare agency, or a philanthropic society, or a soft-headed and soft-headed 'soft-loan window,'" Clausen said.

"I say that as a former commercial banker with 31 years of experience in a tough competitive banking marketplace — and with no personal reputation, I think it fair to say, for banking softness."

Aid bills are due to come up in the House of Representatives later this week, with indications that there will be a fight to cut the \$850 million allotted to IDA. A bill approved by the Senate calls for only \$532 million. U.S. President Ronald Reagan has urged support for the house bill, but did not specify anything about IDA.

If the House passes an appropriation bill — which is not certain — its text will still have to be reconciled with the Senate bill. Unless the U.S. government carries out the pledge of former President Jimmy Carter's administration to appropriate \$850 million this year, many of the other 32 countries that contribute will probably cut their contributions proportionately.

Penang lauds ties with Sri Lanka

PENANG, Dec. 9 (AP) — Penang state's Chief Minister Dr. Lim Chong Eu has said he looked forward to more joint ventures between Sri Lanka and Penang.

"The historical and traditional ties between Penang and Colombo had always been based upon two-way relationships, and the proximity and development similarities between them are such that Penang investors can look toward Sri Lankan investment promotion seminar organized by the Greater Colombo Economic Commission (GCEC).

On the possibility of having direct air links between Colombo and Penang, raised by GCEC Director-General Upali Wijewardene, Lim said the state government also looked forward to future developments which would increase and strengthen the existing good relationships between the two regions.

EEC vows to tame Japan

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9 (R) — The European Economic Community (EEC) maintained its tough stance on trade relations with Japan, but failed to agree on measures to help exporters in Cyprus and the Third World.

A statement issued after an EEC foreign ministers' meeting expressed serious concern at the community's large trade deficit with Japan, forecast to reach \$15 billion this year.

The EEC commission was instructed to send Tokyo a list of requests for better European access to Japanese markets.

But the ministers could not agree on two issues of key importance to Cyprus and to African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.

France and Italy blocked a deal to help Cypriot fruit and vegetable exports, because they feared that this would create too much competition for their own producers.

And Britain refused to increase prices guaranteed to ACP sugar exporters unless Tate and Lyle, the company which refines this sugar, was given long-term compensation in some other form.

At a press conference after the meeting, the British foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, said the EEC states were aware of the political significance of both issues for the countries involved.

French farmers to get \$980m aid

PARIS, Dec. 9 (AFP) — French farmers are to receive a 5,556 million franc (\$980 million) aid package to compensate falling revenues, it was announced here.

Agricultural Minister Edith Cresson said the package was designed to reach all farmers, including those with the lowest earnings.

Informed sources said \$530 million off the aid would come from reserves built up by the state-owned Credit Agricole Bank since 1977.

But the package failed to satisfy National Federation of Farming Unions President Francois Guillaume, who criticized the amount, the origin and the distribution of the aid.

Eurodollar futures trading opens

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (R) — A U.S. government agency has given the go-ahead for futures trading in Eurodollars on one of America's largest markets in a move that will expand the scope of international financial dealings.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), which regulates commodities trading in the United States, said the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) from Wednesday could offer futures contracts in Eurodollars.

The New York Futures Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade have similar plans to offer Eurodollar futures, and the CFTC will consider these next week.

Eurodollars are U.S. dollars held on deposit generally outside the United States, with London the predominant center for trading.

The CFTC action permits banks and multinational corporations to buy and sell these dollar deposits at a future date and thus protect themselves against international interest rate volatility.

China to strengthen economic legislation

PEKING, Dec. 9 (AFP) — China is to strengthen its economic legislation with scores of new laws on licenses and patents, company rights, trade marks, accounting and depreciation assets, New China News Agency reported Wednesday.

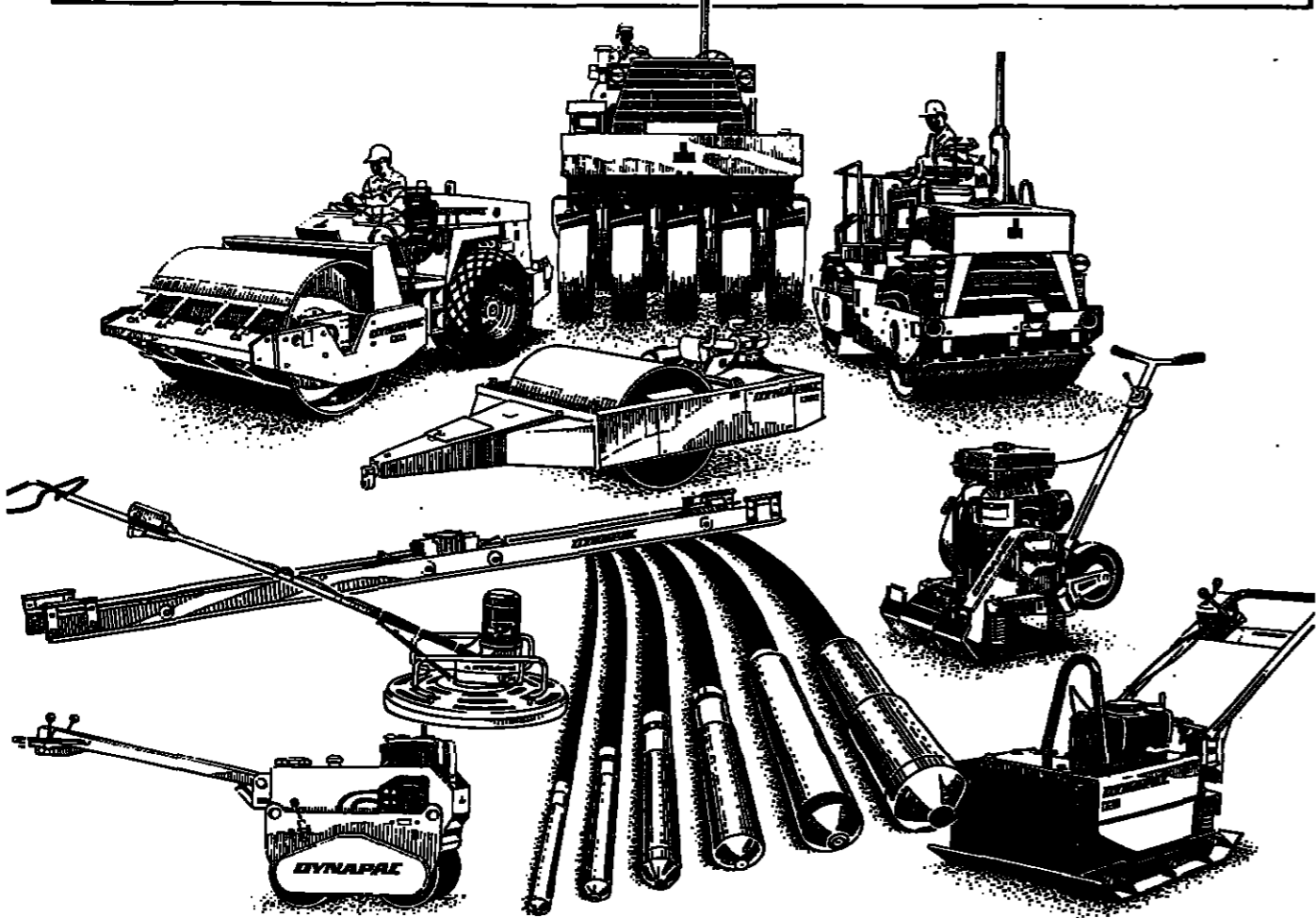
Authorities were also drafting new texts on implementing taxation of foreign firms, to be passed by the National People's Congress (NPC) now meeting here, and on management of joint ventures with foreign interests, it said.

NCNA gave no precise date for implementation of the new laws, saying only that it would take place "later."

Italy, Britain and France, who have demanded greater protection for their textile industries against Third World competition, insisted today that ceilings be placed on low-cost imports, EEC sources said. But other countries, led by West Germany, said this would spoil any chances of agreement with Third World countries already resisting attempts to cut back textiles sales.

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\$218b spending package

Tory rebels fail to scuttle bill

LONDON, Dec. 9 (R) — Rebellion rippled through the ranks of Britain's ruling Conservative Party in Parliament Tuesday night despite an optimistic assessment by Finance Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe that signs of economic recovery were increasing.

Sir Ian Gilmour, former deputy foreign minister sacked by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in September for criticizing government monetarist policies, led an organized band of 14 Conservatives who abstained from a House of Commons vote.

Their protest did not prevent the govern-

ment from securing a majority of 42 in the 635-seat house in support of the chancellor of the exchequer's \$218 billion (£21.8 billion) state spending package for 1982. The vote was 307 to 265.

The revolt by the 14 Conservatives registered their discontent with the government's economic policy and their fears that it could cost them their parliamentary seats at the next general election.

Earlier, Sir Geoffrey Howe said that signs of economic recovery were beginning to multiply. "Even in today's hostile world, the

prospect of a reversal in Britain's humiliating economic decline is now before us," he told parliament.

Leading off a debate on his 115 billion (£11.5 billion) spending package for 1982 announced last week, the chancellor of the exchequer declared: "The signals of recovery are beginning to multiply."

The spending package cuts by two percent the real value of welfare benefits for nearly three million unemployed. Conservative critics think this could be particularly harmful to the party's re-election prospects.

Former Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath, a consistent critic of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, attacked her monetarist policy in his first speech during the current parliamentary session.

He denounced as "completely fallacious and unacceptable" the government's assertion that the unemployed must also suffer when working people were enduring economic hardships. As for the government's monetarist strategy, in which the aim is to control the money supply in order to reduce inflation, he declared: "There never was any intellectual justification for monetarism. There is no practical justification for it today."

Heath added that the government should take into account the position of the United States which, he said, was heading for its deepest depression since 1931.

Gold rescues S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 9 (R) — South Africa, whose economic problems have grown over the last year as the price of gold has dropped, is increasing the use of its gold reserves as security for badly needed foreign exchange, the Reserve Bank said Wednesday.

Dealers said South Africa, by far the world's biggest gold producer, is no longer able to sell large chunks of its huge gold reserves to the international bullion market to raise money without the risk of pushing down the price of gold.

Gold has already dropped below \$410 an ounce after reaching a record \$875 in January last year. The Reserve Bank, the country's central bank, said South Africa had entered into swap agreements with foreign banks which provide currency loans in return. It did not say how much gold was involved but it said the swaps were connected with a drop in the country's gold holdings of around 487,000 ounces last month.

In October, more than two million ounces of gold, worth more than \$800,000 million at current prices, were believed by dealers to have been shipped from South Africa as security for loans raised through similar swaps.

Last year, South Africa had a balance of payments surplus of 2.8 billion rand (then worth \$3.8 billion) as the high gold price buoyed up the domestic economy. But this year it has turned into a deficit, running currently at five billion rand (\$5.12 billion) as the gold price fell.

Economists say South Africa has borrowed more than two billion rand (\$2.05 billion) overseas this year to prop up its gold and foreign exchange reserves and this year's swaps may have added about one billion rand (\$1.02 billion).

The economists said South Africa is thought to have made two gold swaps of four million ounces each with Swiss banks during the last big decline in the gold price in 1976 and 1977.

Wholesale prices rise 6.3% in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Food prices tumbled but energy costs climbed last month as wholesale prices rose 6.3 percent, slightly off from the already-moderate pace of October, the government said Wednesday.

With only one month left, inflation for the year is certain to be under the 11.8 percent wholesale average for 1980. Through November, inflation at the wholesale level stood at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7.4 percent, Labor Department officials said.

The department's new report said its measure of wholesale prices for finished goods — the producer price index — was up 0.5 percent last month after seasonal adjustment.

If November's rate held for 12 straight months, the increase would be 6.3 percent, the department said. Officials compute the annual rate by compounding a monthly figure that is more precise than the rounded-off 0.5 percent that is published.

The November increase was better than the 0.6 percent advance of October, but more than the 0.1 percent of August and the 0.2 percent of September, the government said.

The acceleration in November was attributed to a 0.9 percent increase in energy prices, the sharpest rise since April. Those prices had fallen 0.4 percent in October.

The increase in November was due to rise in prices of gasoline and natural gas, the report said. Food prices were down 0.5 percent in November, more than the 0.2 percent of October and the biggest fall since the 0.6 percent drop of February, the report said. Prices for goods other than food and energy climbed 0.8 percent after a 1 percent rise in October. Those increases were attributed to higher new car prices, which advanced 0.9 percent in November, down from the 4.2 percent gain of October.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates scale new high

By H. J. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — While gold and silver prices continued to go down, the American dollar picked up more ground on both the European and New York markets over Wednesday.

Gold fell from around \$418 to \$410 per ounce in what was described as "cautious trading" in London. The dollar, meanwhile, was boosted further by firming in Eurodollar interest rates as well as renewed concern over the Polish situation.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates picked up for the third day running, taking the week-fixed rial deposit rate to 7½ — 8½ percent from 4 — 5 percent quoted a week ago.

Rising Eurodollar interest rates continued to be the center of attraction Wednesday, after the dollar closed firmer in New York bourses the night before. The one-year Eurodollar deposit rate was quoted at 13½ — 13¾ percent in early Wednesday trading, but later rose to levels of 13 9/16 — 13 11/16 percent both in London and Bahrain markets.

The rises in the short dated funds were not as significant, but the one-month dollar interest rate is now over the 12 percent level to trade at 12 3/16 — 12 5/16 percent compared with 11 5/16 — 12 3/16 percent on Tuesday. "Fed Funds" closed at 12 percent levels in New York on Tuesday night indicating that the American Central Bank was still undecided on where it wants to see American interest rates go after the downward trend we noted over last weekend.

In the Wednesday European exchange markets, the dollar gained more than 2 cents against the British pound to trade at 1.9200 from 1.9430 Tuesday. Similarly, the German mark fell back to 2.2500 levels at one stage, compared with 2.2400 levels

Tuesday. The renewed Polish crisis seems to be affecting the mark again. Observers believe that the mark/dollar rate could move back in favor of the German currency if Dome hard economic data showing an improvement in Germany's balance of payments situation comes out. So far, this has seemed to elude the mark unlike the Japanese yen which improved its position against the dollar from 230.00 levels to 218.00 now.

In other currency news, the French franc and Swiss franc also fell back against the dollar to take the French franc to 5.6900 levels and the Swiss franc to 1.8360 by mid-day trading Wednesday. In the local markets, spot rial/dollar rates opened at 3.4200-10, but some active buying interest developed out of Bahrain-based OBUS — offshore booking units — which took the spot exchange rate to 3.4210-15. Jeddah Bankers reported that some commercial demand for dollars was also seen.

In the money markets, rial deposit rates continued to firm with rates going up by between 1 — 1½ percent in some tenors. The rises seem to affect the short-dated funds more and one-month rates were quoted at 8% — 11% percent. Overnight funds were still stable between 7 and 8 percent, while the year-fixed deposit rates were unchanged at 11½ — 12½ percent with few bids in that tenor.

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Closing gold prices Wednesday (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	408.625
Paris	415.84
Frankfurt	409.99
Zurich	409.50
Hong Kong	413.89

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.08	15.00
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	90.00	—	289.50
Canadian Dollar	289.00	—	152.20
Deutsche Mark (100)	153.00	152.70	139.30
Dutch Guilder (100)	140.00	139.75	139.30
Egyptian Pound	3.22	3.22	4.06
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15	—
French Franc (100)	61.00	60.75	60.30
Greek Drachma (1,000)	56.00	56.00	60.35
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.40
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.60	28.40	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.80	15.70	—
Jordanian Dinar	10.18	10.15	—
Kuwait Dinar	12.19	12.18	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	74.20	73.95	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	64.80	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.68	—
Philippine Peso (100)	—	42.50	—
Pound Sterling	6.66	6.66	6.59
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.05	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	167.60	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	35.60	—
Swiss Franc (100)	191.00	188.00	187.40
Syrian Lira (100)	—	58.30	63.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.42	3.429	3.420
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.90	—

Selling Price Buying Price

Gold kg.	45,200	45,000
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London commodities

Closing Prices

	Wednesday	Tuesday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	407.75	419.50
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	447.50	460.00
3 months	463.25	475.50
Copper cash	853.50	874.50
3 months	873.75	895.25
Tin cash	8353.00	8352.00
3 months	8177.50	8150.00
Lead cash	335.75	342.25
3 months	347.00	352.50
Zinc cash	418.50	432.00
3 months	425.50	433.25
Aluminium cash	573.50	586.50
3 months	595.75	609.50
Nickel cash	2835.00	2870.00
3 months	2875.00	2897.50
Sugar January	166.00	169.00
March	169.30	171.50
Coffee January	1103.00	1119.00
March	1091.00	1108.00
Cocoa December	1145.00	1163.00
March	1137.00	1142.00

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Smith Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel. 6653988, Jeddah.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS (AFP) — Euro-parliamentarian Barbara Castle is protesting against EEC subsidies for stone age "tritium spelta" wheat that has a yield five times less than that of today's varieties, and produces virtually uneatable bread. The subsidies are going to Belgian and Luxembourg farmers in the ardennes who produce 465 tons annually.

NOUMEA (AFP) — Societe Le Nickel of New Caledonia forecast that its nickel

ore processing plant would operate at 50 percent capacity next year. From next week fewer furnaces will be in use, two ore carrying vessels will stop supplying the plant, and four mining sites will be shut down until the new year.

PARIS (AFP) — President Reagan's administration has pushed down both inflation and interest rates, Treasury Under-Secretary Beryl Sprinkel said here.

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Liverpool strikes in extra-time

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Liverpool, forced into extra-time by Arsenal in their English League Cup fourth round replay at Anfield Tuesday night, took a grip to go through with three late goals, one by substitute Craig Johnston.

In the 18th minute of extra-time, Dalglis took advantage of a Johnston pass, to slam the ball high into the Arsenal net from the edge of the area.

cleared and Steve Gattling rammed it in for the second. Swedish team advances Meanwhile, IFK Goeteborg of Sweden Wednesday edged Dynamo of Bucharest 1-0 in a third-round, second leg game of UEFA Soccer Cup and advanced to the quarterfinals on a 4-1 aggregate.



THERE IT GOES: Action in the Centenary Rugby Union match between Cambridge University and Oxford University which the former 9-6 after leading 6-3 at half time in London Tuesday.

Chinaglia nets seven In New Jersey, Giorgio Chinaglia scored seven goals to tie a North American Soccer League indoor record and lead the Cosmos to a 11-10 victory over Chicago Sting Tuesday night in the Cosmos' Indoor Stadium.

Bob Lord Dies Meanwhile, Bob Lord, one of English Football's most controversial officials, died at his home in Burnley Tuesday after a long illness. He was 73.

Tulasne, Wilander shocked

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 9 (AP) — The two top seeds, Frenchman Thierry Tulasne and Swede Mats Wilander, were bundled out of the Esso World Challenge Junior Tennis Tournament in a day of high drama here Wednesday.

nis star Helena Sukova confirmed her outstanding promise when she claimed a quarterfinal berth in the \$50,000 Queensland Open Tennis Championship here Wednesday.

Phil Mahre wins Special Slalom

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy, Dec. 9 (AFP) — World holder Phil Mahre, of the United States, won Wednesday's men's Special Slalom here counting towards the World Alpine Skiing Cup.



Edwin Moses, glides over the sticks

Moses named best athlete

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP) — Edwin Moses, 400 meters hurdles world record holder has been named "best American amateur athlete of the year" by the United States Athletics Federation.

since 1977 and his tally of consecutive wins in 400 meters hurdles finals now stands at 71. He also holds the 13 world best times in the event.

Gower's elegant knock Sedate start by England

BANGALORE, India, Dec. 9 (AP) — England crawled to 181 for four wickets at stumps Wednesday on a docile wicket after winning the toss against India on the opening day of the second cricket Test in this South-Indian city.

India claimed the first wicket soon after lunch when Boycott edged a low outswinger from Dev into the hands of captain Sunil Gavaskar in the second slip position.

England (list innings): Graham Gooch C Gavaskar B Shastri Geoff Boycott C Gavaskar B Dev Chris Tavassoli M Madanlal David Cowie batting John Lever bow Dev Keith Fletcher batting Extras: 1 0 Total (for 4 wks): 181

Trail Blazers, Hawks seen in poor light

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP) — Take the Atlanta Hawks' first quarter and the Portland Trail Blazers' second quarter ... please.

On their home courts, those two teams went through cold spells they would rather forget en route to National Basketball Association defeats Tuesday night.

Atlanta, which managed only one field goal in the first eight minutes of play, came back to score 63 points in the second and third periods. The Hawks fought back to within one point, 86-85, with 5:48 left in the game.

Knicks 135, Nuggets 122: Maurice Lucas and Randy Smith both scored 25 points and Michael Ray Richardson added 22 as New York handed Denver its fifth loss, while the Knicks improved their record to 9-9 after a 4-3 start.

Lucas scored 14 points in the first quarter, including eight in a 3-43 span during which the Knicks outscored the Nuggets 16-4 for a 26-13 advantage.

Soaks 107, Rockets 96: Gus Williams scored 29 points and five of his teammates scored in double figures in Seattle's victory over Houston.

Bulls 118, Pacers 116: Reggie Theus scored 26 points and kept Chicago alive with a game-tying basket to send the game into overtime.

Mavericks 128, Jazz 103: Mark Aguirre scored 24 points as Dallas won by its biggest margin since it joined the league last season.

The Mavericks led by as many as 34 points, 116-82, on a basket by Jay Vincent midway through the final period. The victory was only the fourth in 19 games for Dallas, but was its third in a row at home.

West Indians fail to impress HOBART, Australia, Dec. 9 (AP) — Tasmania Wednesday earned a moral victory over the West Indians cricket team after their match resulted in a draw at the Tasmania Cricket Association ground here.

With almost all of Monday being lost to poor weather there was never going to be a result. But Tasmania clearly produced the better performance.

The West Indians could hardly be satisfied with their batting despite half centuries by Viv Richards (57) and Clive Lloyd (51).

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Ali hopes to take on Weaver NASSAU, Bahamas, Dec. 9 (AP) — Muhammad Ali, soundly beaten by Larry Holmes in a bid for the World Boxing Council heavyweight title last year, said Tuesday he would challenge Mike Weaver after beating Trevor Berbick Friday night.

Top drivers for Melbourne meet MELBOURNE, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Six former world motor racing champions will compete against each other here on February 14 next year. It will be the biggest field of world champions participating in one race.

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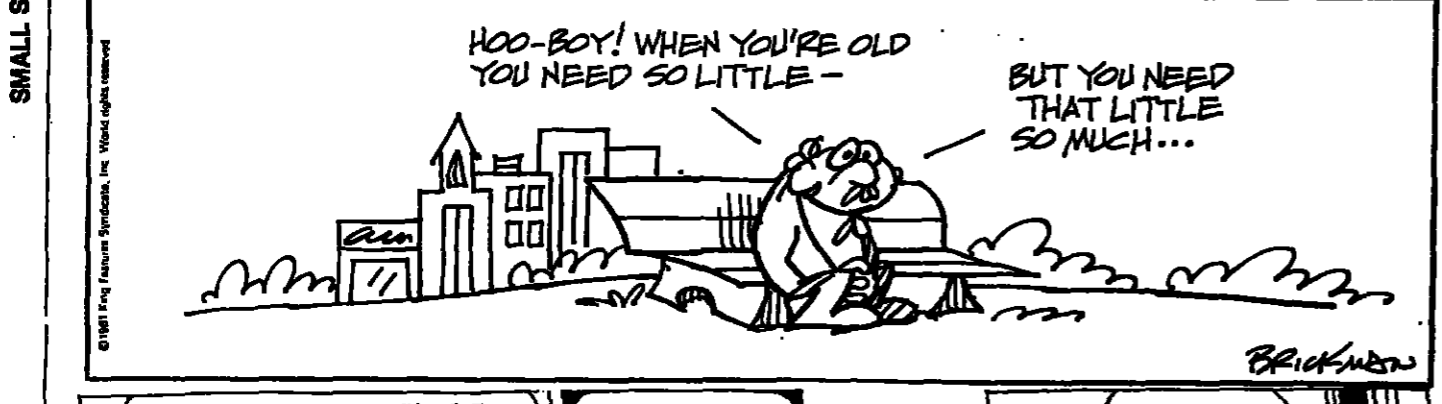
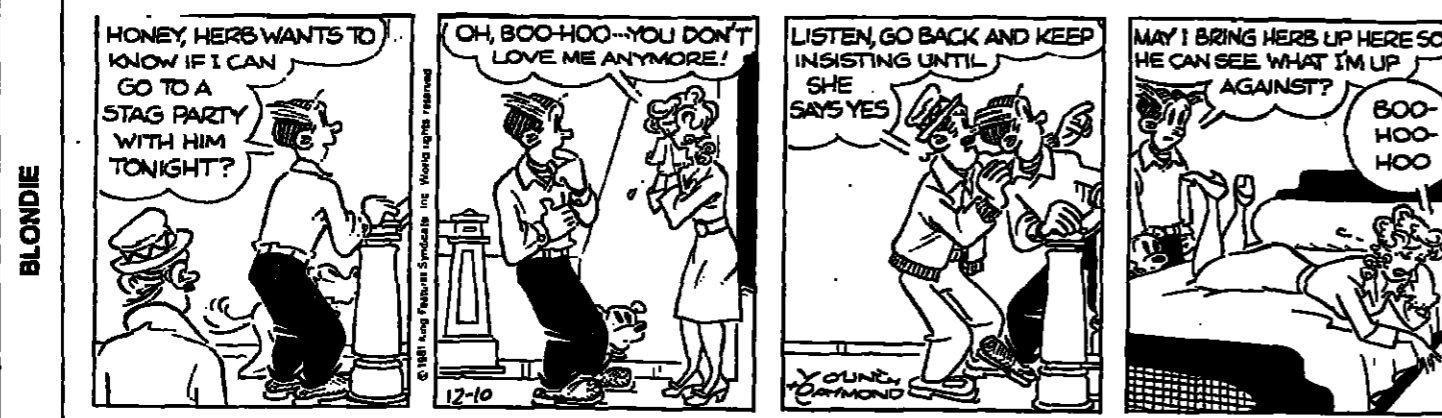
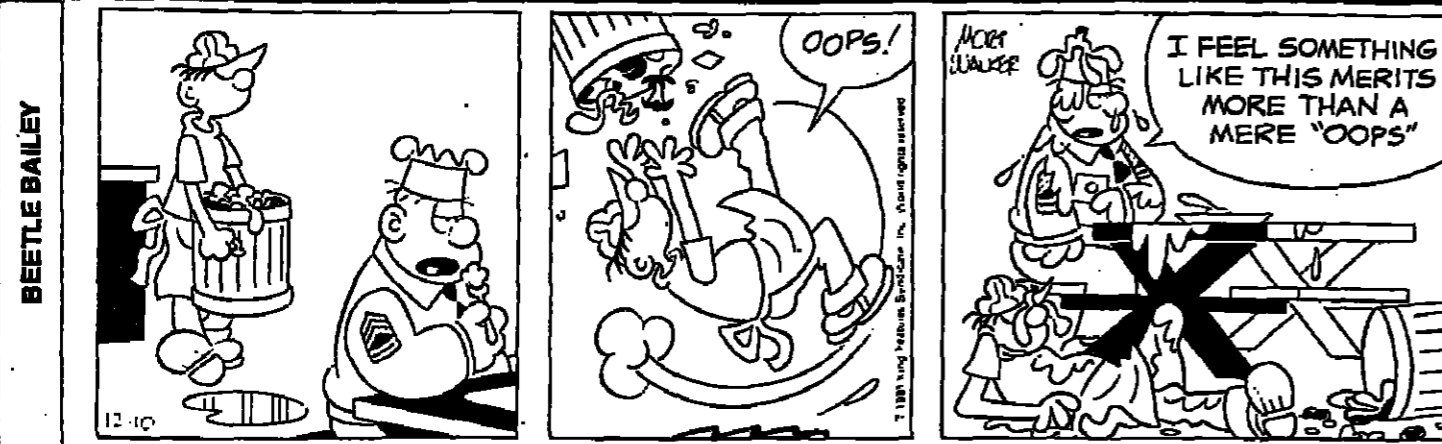
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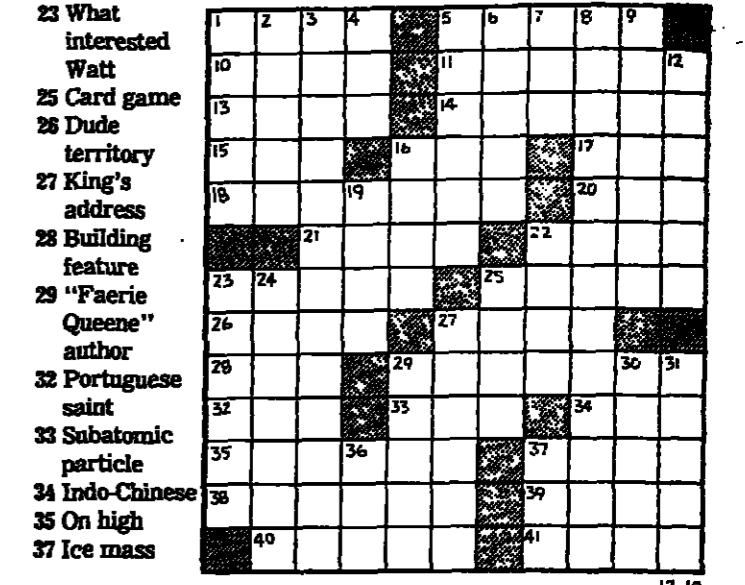
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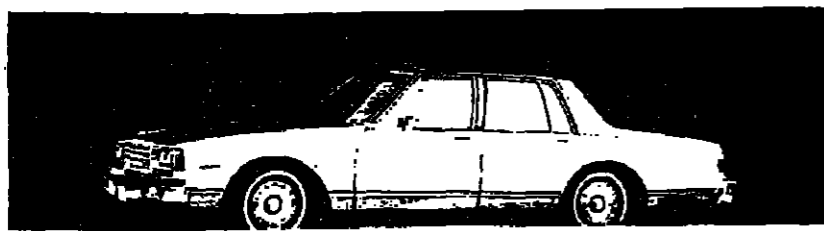
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Turkey opposes Papandreou move

Greece holds up NATO session

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Greece, represented by its new Socialist prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, in his dual capacity as defense minister, wanted the final communiqué of the two-day meeting to give guarantees not only against an attack by a Warsaw Pact country but against aggression by Turkey.

Turkey strongly objected to this suggestion and the meeting was adjourned until later Wednesday. The source said that Turkish Defense Minister Umit Hattuk Bayulken, supported by several colleagues, went on to demand that Papandreou — who made withdrawal from NATO one of his main electoral promises — clearly state his government's position toward the alliance.

(Greece and Turkey have been at loggerheads for years over Cyprus. Greece first withdrew from NATO in 1974 after fellow members failed to act against Turkey's invasion of the Mediterranean island.)

After the first day of the Planning Committee meeting Tuesday Papandreou stirred up confusion on the Greek position by declaring that "the process of Greek disengagement is already under way."

He, however, stopped short of threatening an actual pullout. But declining to explain exactly what he implied by "disengagement," Papandreou said certain points of an agreement worked out last year between the previ-

German leaders meet tomorrow

EAST BERLIN, Dec. 9 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and East German leader Erich Honecker, ideological rivals since Germany's postwar division, begin a rare meeting on Friday to assess relations and their wider East-West role.

The meeting, in a former hunting lodge of Prussian kings in a remote pine forest, is the first of its kind in 11 years. It has been postponed twice in the past two years — once because of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and once because of the unrest in Poland.

Schmidt is under pressure in Bonn to come up with more than a repetition of his meeting last month with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, where they agreed to differ on how to curb nuclear weapons in Europe but also to keep in contact.

Conservative opposition leader Helmut Kohl has said the talks with Honecker must cover "more than missiles." He wants rules eased for West Germans visiting relatives in the East as a precondition for economic agreements such as continuing the "swing" credit.

The swing is 850 million marks (\$400 million) of interest-free credit for East Germany to buy goods from West Germany. It is due to run on Dec. 31.

Bonn would like a cut in the 25-mark (\$11) a day minimum that visitors to East Germany must exchange. The number of West Germans visiting the East has fallen by half since the requirement was more than doubled in this figure 14 months ago.

But any attempt to turn the Schmidt-Honecker meeting into hard negotiations has little hope of success, according to informed sources in East Berlin and in Bonn. Relations between the two Germans are complicated and emotive, tied up with deep-rooted feelings of greater German nationalism and equally deep distrust of each other's political and economic systems.

West Germany recognizes the East German state but not East German nationality.

Space-age train halts on 2nd day

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Britain's space-age advanced passenger train (APT) limped to a halt Wednesday on a run from Glasgow to London in only its second day in service.

The train broke down with brake failure and passengers had to be transferred to the regular Glasgow-London Express. On its first run to Glasgow, the train arrived 30 minutes late due to problems in its special leasing mechanism.

The APT is scheduled to cover the 401 miles (640 kms) from London to Glasgow in four hours, 14 minutes, an average speed of just over 100 mph (163 kph).

S.Africa office blasted

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 9 (R) — An explosion caused extensive damage to the Cape Town offices of the South African Department of Cooperation and Development (black affairs) early Wednesday, police said. A police spokesman said sabotage was suspected. No one was injured in the blast which occurred at about 3.30 am. The banned African National Congress which is pledged to overthrow white rule in South Africa by force, has claimed responsibility for most incidents in a stepped-up sabotage campaign this year.

ous Greek government and NATO's European Cmdr. Bernard Rogers — which led to Greek reintegration in the NATO command — were against Greek interests, and "partially suspended."

Papandreou cited the quarrel with Turkey over control of Aegean Sea air space. Until 1974, Greece, controlled this space. But under the Rogers agreement, control was to be shared with Turkey under NATO command terms still being negotiated. Observers speculated that these negotiations might be suspended.

Calling for a review of Greece's position within the NATO command at Wednesday's meeting, the Turkish defense minister said that "nobody put any pressure on Greece to sign the Rogers plan," a source close to the committee said.

Meanwhile, the defense ministers, representing the 14 NATO countries minus France, which pulled out of the command, agreed to accept "with satisfaction" an entry application from Spain.

On NATO financing, a diplomatic source said that the planning committee had agreed that last year's call for each government to increase its contribution by three percent in real terms be seen as "a target, not a commitment."

American Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told the Planning Committee that the European allies would be consulted on any deployment of the U.S. rapid deployment force whenever "vital NATO interests" were involved. Weinberger also reiterated a U.S. appeal for increased caution in the transfer of technology to the Soviet Union.

Lapse in financial disclosure U.S. expands inquiry of Allen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department has expanded its inquiry of Richard V. Allen to include the national security adviser's failure to list his consulting firm's clients on his financial disclosure form, a government official said Tuesday.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said Tuesday Justice Department investigators met with officials of the Government Ethics Office in the past few days to discuss the client question.

"The judgment that he should have listed (his clients) is going to be made," said the official, adding that the only question was whether Allen would be required to file a second amended disclosure form now, or wait until the Justice Department review is over.

The deputy White House counsel, who has been handling the Allen case did not return several telephone calls Tuesday about the client question.

Peter Dailey, National Security Council spokesman, said he was unaware of any plans for Allen to file an additional amendment to his disclosure form. On his initial financial disclosure statement, filed last February, Allen provided no list of clients from Potomac International Corp., the consulting

firm Allen founded in 1972.

Allen also said he had stepped down as president of the firm and sold it in 1978, and listed no financial interest in the company at the end of 1980.

After press inquiries last month, however, Allen said he had made a mistake and amended his disclosure form to say that he stopped being president and sold the company last January. He also listed holdings in Potomac International of from \$100,000 to \$250,000 at the end of 1980.

The discrepancy in the sale date is one of two matters the Justice Department said last week that it is still looking at in its review of whether an independent special prosecutor should be appointed to investigate Allen. Willful falsification of a government ethics disclosure form is a felony punishable by up to five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Last week, the department said no special prosecutor would be named to investigate Allen's receipt of \$1,000 from two Japanese journalists who interviewed first lady Nancy Reagan on Jan. 21. But the department is still reviewing Allen's acceptance of two watches from the journalists as well as the date discrepancy.

land results were announced. They won an overall total of 68 seats in the previous general election of 1979.

Joergensen said in a statement that the new Parliament was more fragmented than before the vote and that prospects of forming a new administration, capable of tackling Denmark's serious economic problems were "nearly hopeless." The election, Denmark's sixth in 10 years, was called when his government lost a parliamentary censure motion on its economic policy last month.

Admitting that his party's loss of seven parliamentary seats was a "very disappointing result," Joergensen said the election had also dealt a death blow to the right-wing opposition. The main victors of the election, the 16th in Denmark since World War II, were small parties to the left and center, and not to the right as anticipated by most opinion surveys.

The Socialist People's Party nearly doubled its seats from 11 to 20 in the 179-seat

parliament, while the small Center Democrats went from six to 15. The main opposition parties, the Conservatives and the Liberals, had formed an electoral alliance to present a credible alternative to the incumbent Social Democrats.

The Conservatives advanced by only four seats to 26, while the Liberals lost one seat and now hold 21. Prolonged negotiations are now expected among the leaders of the nine parliamentary parties to find a viable government capable of tackling Denmark's urgent economic problems.

Despite their election setback the Social Democrats remain Denmark's largest single party with 61 seats, having received 32.9 percent of the vote. Joergensen said that without his party "there could be no stability in the Danish political arena."

Political analysts pointed to the Socialist People's Party, the Center Democrats, and the radical Liberals, with nine seats, as probable pivotal parties.

Mois, has not commented.

The *Standard*, which supports Njonjo, said in its editorial: "The mere and unproven allegation by a paid international criminal that there are some people in Kenya who do not like the Seychelles, does not by any stretch of the imagination mean that the Kenya government was involved in the abortive coup against the country."

"Rene said he had no evidence or evaluated information," the *Standard* said.

"Statements base sound judgments on facts and evaluated information, at least if they want to be considered sincere, serious and mature. Rene simply allowed his imagination to run wild.

Two McDonnell Douglas DC-9s and one Boeing 727, carrying an estimated 150 hostages arrived at Havana's Jose Marti Airport

Cuba to try 11 Venezuelan plane hijackers

HAVANA, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — Eleven men were responsible for Monday's hijack of three Venezuelan airliners, which ended here Tuesday night with the surrender of the three teams of commandos, it was learned here Wednesday. The Cuban government announced that the hijackers had been arrested and would be tried before "a competent tribunal."

Neither the nationality nor political affiliation of the group was immediately known, although crew members and many passengers from the three planes said they had spoken with Venezuelan accents.

According to pilots Jose Vidal and Ricardo Matta, the hijackers had meant to go to Panama and negotiate the liberation of 31 Venezuelan political prisoners as well as the requested ransom of \$10 million. The hijackers had never intended to go to Nicaragua, the pilots said, adding that some of the hijackers had said, "the Sandinistas have too many

problems to put up with ours as well."

The pilots criticized the attitudes of the authorities in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador when the planes were forced to land in those countries during the two-day ordeal.

The pilot of the Avensa airlines Boeing 727, Frank Hendel, said he "received very bad treatment in Colombia and in Guatemala it was even worse." He said when his hijacked plane landed in those countries, the hijackers demanded it be refueled, but government authorities used delaying tactics, which created a critical situation inside the plane.

The pilot of one of two Aeropostal Airline DC-9s, Jose Vidal, said he disagreed strongly with the delaying tactics of the Colombian government and the intransigence of the military authorities in Honduras.

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Parliament warned of conflict

Walesa meets Glemp

WARSAW, Dec. 9 (R) — Solidarity chief Lech Walesa conferred with Polish archbishop Jozef Glemp Wednesday following Glemp's intervention to prevent a major clash between the ruling Communists and the free trade union movement.

The meeting came as the official media maintained a propaganda offensive against the union, accusing its leaders of working for the overthrow of communism and courting national catastrophe.

The union's powerful Warsaw branch hit back by saying it was the government, not Solidarity, which was making confrontation inevitable. Archbishop Glemp met Walesa after he (Glemp) had sent letters to the Sejm (parliament), party leader Wojciech Jaruzelski and Walesa pleading for moderation and renewed dialogue.

Glemp, making his most direct intervention in the Polish crisis since he was named church leader by Pope John Paul last July, warned the Sejm against adopting emergency powers which he said could unleash conflict.

Glemp's letter, published Wednesday by Solidarity's Warsaw information service, said Glemp considered it his duty to speak in the face of mounting social tension.

"The church expresses profound concern and fear that the enactment of the law (on emergency powers) will disrupt domestic peace, sever the threads of an agreement taking shape with such difficulty and unleash a formidable social conflict," the letter said.

"With a view to the good of the working people and of the state, the church warns the Sejm against taking a decision which would weigh tragically on the country's destiny," it said.

The letter coincided with a statement by Solidarity's No. 2 leader Miroslaw Krupinski, who said adoption of the emergency law would trigger an open-ended general strike.

The spokesman of the union's Warsaw branch, Janusz Onyszkiewicz, denied charges read out on national television Tuesday night that the union had established a constituent assembly to conduct free national elections behind the government's back. Onyszkiewicz added that television reports on contingency planning by Solidarity branches were part of a government campaign to intimidate society.

The television had said regional union branches were stockpiling bandages, distributing petrol bombs to workers and planning to take over mines and factories. Onyszkiewicz said such reports were an attempt to stir public indignation against the union and pressure its leaders into tempering their military at a policy-making meeting on Friday.

The union's national commission meeting is due to be held in the Gdansk shipyard where the movement was born 15 months ago. Five other Solidarity leaders joined the talks between the primate and Walesa later Wednesday.

Muldoon party gains majority

WELLINGTON, Dec. 9 (R) — The final result of New Zealand's general election, following the counting of absentee votes, Wednesday confirmed a slim parliamentary majority for Prime Minister Robert Muldoon's National Party. The result originally declared on Nov. 28 appeared to have produced a hung parliament.

It gave 46 seats in the 92-member Parliament to the conservative National Party and 44 to the opposition Labor Party, with the Social Credit Party holding the balance of power with two seats.

But the correction of a counting error in one constituency gave an extra seat to the National Party, and with it an overall majority of two seats, pending the counting of absentee votes in four marginal seats, which has just taken place. These four seats were cemented Wednesday into the National Party, giving it 47 seats to labor's 43 and Social Credit's two.

After the appointment of a non-voting speaker (parliamentary chairman) from National Party ranks, Muldoon will have a paper-thin, but adequate, overall majority of one seat. He said he was delighted with the final result.

The losing Labor Party has two avenues still open to it — a district court recount or a high court petition. They have three days to decide on the former and 49 days on the latter, but neither course was considered likely. All three parties are impoverished after the election campaign and Labor was unlikely to undertake the heavy expense of legal action without very strong hopes of success.

By the time New Zealand's 40th Parliament is convened next May, Labor may have a new leader. Its chief, Bill Rowling, who has now lost three elections in succession to the National Party, is expected to relinquish the post once a suitable successor has been found.

Portugal's EEC entry gets Thatcher support

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Portugal can rely on Britain's solid support for its application to join the European Economic Community (EEC), British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told Portuguese Premier Francisco Pinto Balsemao here Wednesday.

Portuguese sources said Pinto Balsemao had expressed his appreciation of the British pledge to speed up negotiations for Portugal's EEC entry.

The Portuguese premier told a press conference after the meeting that obstacles to Portugal's membership should be overcome during 1982, and that his country could become a full-fledged EEC member by 1984. He said, however, he was disappointed at the lack of progress in membership negotiations over the past few months.

Pinto Balsemao said that EEC membership for Portugal was as important politically as economically, since it would help Lisbon emerge from the transition period following military rule. He warned that Portugal's membership of the EEC should not be associated with that of Spain.

Good Morning

By Jibad Al Khazem

A friend of mine, a professor in a reputable university, told me he spent last year doing a big and complicated project. Thousands upon thousands of "man-hours" were taken up by the work (he was aided by a large research team.) In the end, he said solemnly, all the conclusions, ("properly arrived at" he said) were put in a long and detailed report. "Here is the report," he said finally, "you may read it if you wish."

Well, I always thought that some work done at universities was a bit, shall we say, superfluous, but my friend's project surely takes the biscuit. Its theme was "When Is It Best to Call Someone on the Phone." The research studied the daily habits of thousands of people from all walks of life — clergymen, lawyers, engineers, journalists, shopping-bag ladies, the lot — all in the cause of determining when it is best to give them a call and pass the time of day.

I read the first few pages then closed the tome and handed it back to my friend with disappointment. "As usual with you scientists," I said, "You blew it."

"A delicate little subject like this — an artistic subject where instinct is all, and you kill it with your graphs and computers and over-detailed questionnaires. Why oh why didn't you come to me first? Why did you waste your time and that of your bright-eyed and bushy-tailed young assistants with such work when I could have told you everything in five minutes?"

He started to say something but I cut him short. "No need to apologize this time. But please take pen to paper while I tell you a thing or two about it all. As to what you please to call your 'report...' (Here I let my voice trail off sarcastically.) "Ready," I said, as patiently as I could. "Then let's start."

"The first category is that of doctors and dentists. The rule here is that you can call them and they'd have all the time in the world for you if you are feeling fine. Don't try to call them if you're not. They simply will not be there..."

"Then of course there's your bank manager. And here it all depends on whether you're a millionaire or not. If you are, then you can be sure of long friendly conversations with him any time you want. If you're not a millionaire, and were calling for the usual reason — more overdraft please — then it's 'don't call us we'll call you' every time..."

"Then there's your friendly neighborhood plumber. You'd think that you must call him the minute the kitchen sink starts overflowing. That would be a waste of time. What you have to do is to wait for the whole kitchen to overflow, with the water seeping through to the living room and ruining your carpets. It's only then that you can be sure he'll answer, saying most probably he can't make it as his mother-in-law has just..."

"Hey! I say, wake up! I've just started..." But it was no use. He was fast asleep. No imagination, those scientists... no appreciation for what we, the gifted amateurs, can contribute..."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

2 Germans sentenced to Soviet labor camp

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (R) — Two West German lorry drivers were sentenced to Soviet labor camps Wednesday after they were convicted of smuggling millions of marks worth of currency and goods in and out of the Soviet Union.

Karl Schorenberg was condemned to five years in a strict regime camp and Horst Ginstler to three years in a regular camp with a Moscow court. They worked for a Bonn company carrying office equipment and foreigners' personal effects to and from Moscow.

They were found guilty of using the journeys to smuggle currency, icons and silverware out of the Soviet Union and bringing clothing and watches back in from the West.

The presiding judges said the value of the smuggled goods amounted to more than 10 million marks (\$4.5 million). Several Soviet citizens who appeared as witnesses are facing separate proceedings for their part in the operation.

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